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OKAY, IS THE CLASS ALL HERE?
LISTEN UP. TODAY WE'RE OUT AT THE RANGE TO LEARN A VALUABLE LESSON.
ALL THIS SEMESTER I'VE HAMMERED THE IMPORTANCE OF HARD WORK INTO YOU.
BUT...

...TYLER SHAINLINE WANTS TO CHALLENGE OUR STAFF CLUB WITH NO TRAINING. HE THINKS HE CAN TAKE THE TOP SPOT WITHOUT BREAKING A SWEAT.
YUP.
THIS AIN'T LIKE D'AT KNIFE CLUB.
I AIN'T GOT NO WEAKNESS. EVERYONE KNOWS I'M DA' BEST.

IN THIS CHALLENGE YOU CAN ONLY WIN BY FORCING YOUR OPPONENT OUT OF THE RING BY USING A STAFF WEAPON.
SO... DO YOU STILL REFUSE A WEAPON? A CLUB? ANYTHING? ANSWER CAREFULLY BECAUSE THE WHOLE SCHOOL IS WATCHING.
YUP. I STILL REFUSE.
YOU CAN'T WIN WITHOUT ONE, DUMMY. EVEN IF I STEP OUTTA DA' RING IT WON'T COUNT UNLESS YOU USE A WEAPON.
GOT IT.

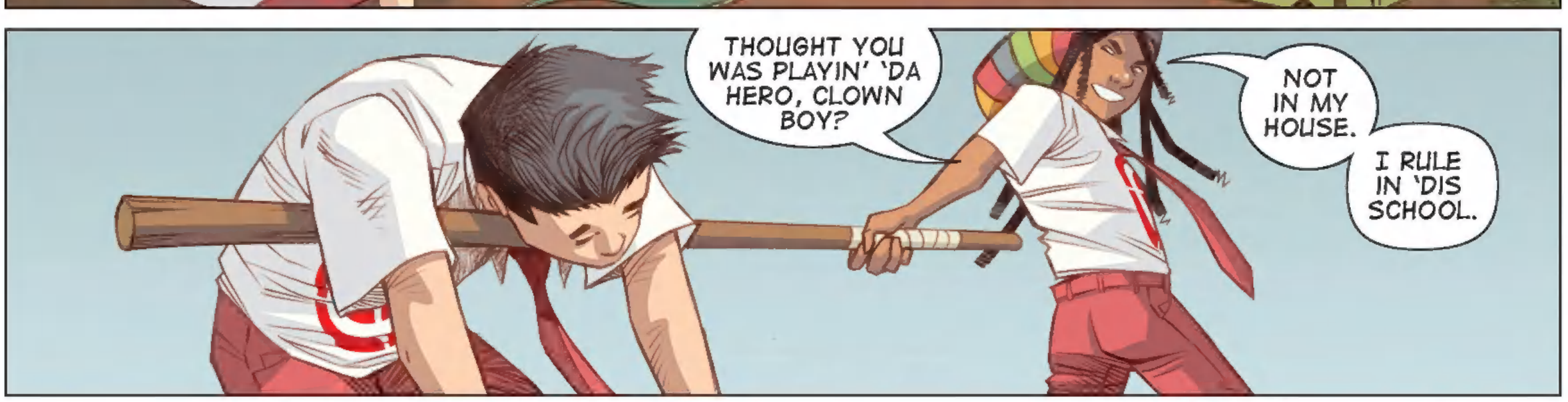
WHATEVS. HAVE FUN IN FAIL HELL.
DODGE ALL YOU WANT...
WHAOOSH!
...BUT I'M GONNA ROLL YO' HEAD RIGHT OUTTA THIS RING.
FWBAOOM!

PATHETIC.
YOU'RE ALREADY AT THE EDGE AND I AIN'T EVEN HIT YOU.
YUP.
IT'LL BE OVER BEFORE IT BEGINS.
AND YOU HAVEN'T EVEN TOUCHED ME. SO MUCH FOR MAKING AN EXAMPLE OUT OF ME.
THINK OMA'LET YOU OFF THAT EASY?

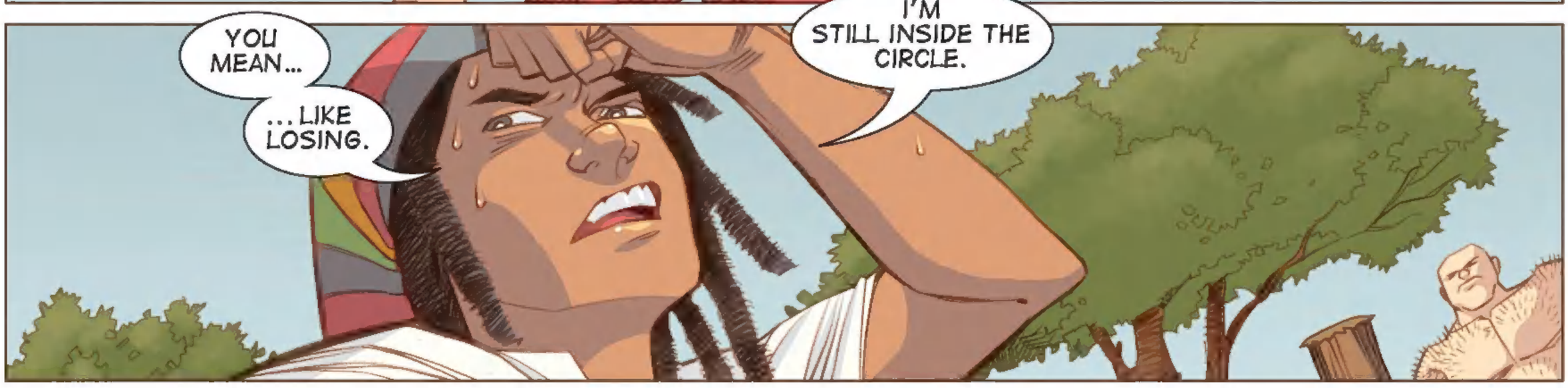
WHEN I'M DONE WICH'U EVERYONE IS GONNA KNOW IT WAS ME WHO JACKED YOU UP.
THWAK!
OH.
NO.

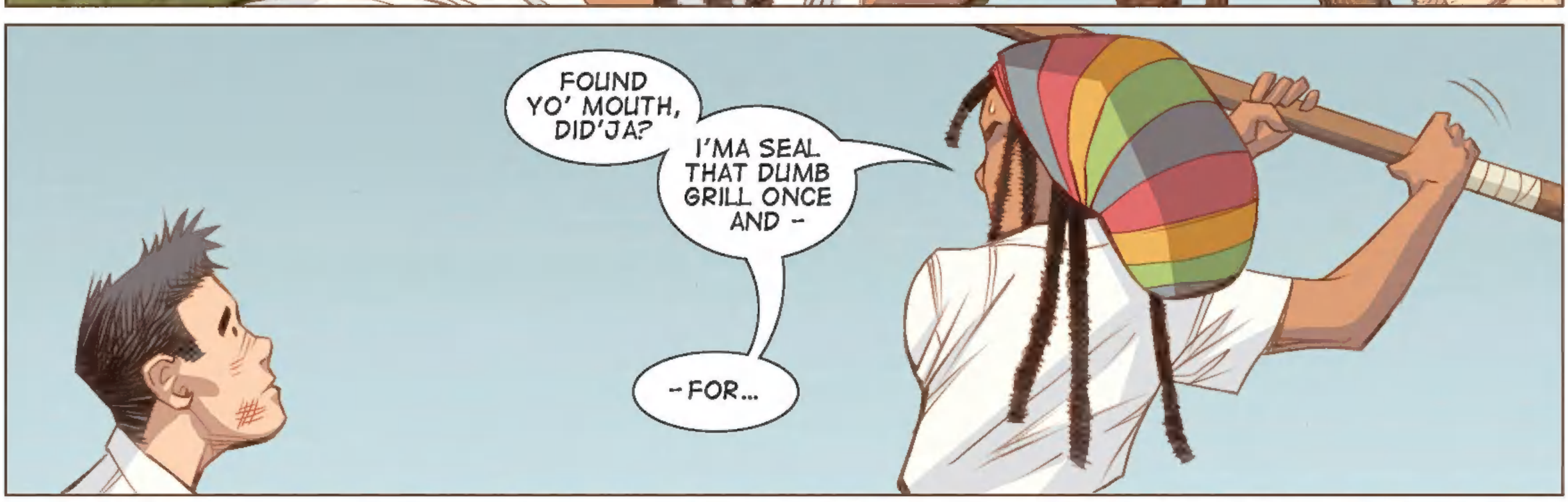
YOU AIN'T LEAVIN' THIS CIRCLE 'TIL YOU LEARNED SOME RESPECT.
WHOOMPH!

WHERE'S ALL THA' FAT TALK NOW, CLOWN BOY?
THWOK!


THOUGHT YOU WAS PLAYIN' 'DA HERO, CLOWN BOY?
NOT IN MY HOUSE.
I RULE IN 'DIS SCHOOL.

OKAY, RICH BOY.
THIS LESSON IS OVER. ENOUGH WITH THIS BEAT DOWN.
I GOTS OTHER THINGS TO DO WITH MY TIME.


YOU MEAN...
...LIKE LOSING.
I'M STILL INSIDE THE CIRCLE.

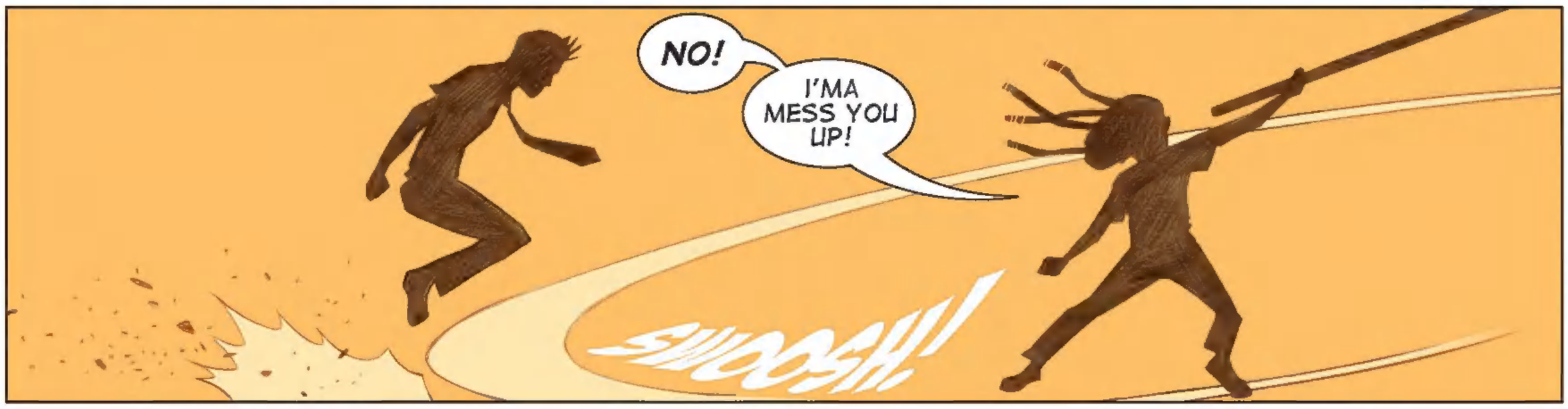

FOUND YO' MOUTH, DID'JA?
I'MA SEAL THAT DUMB GRILL ONCE AND -
-FOR...

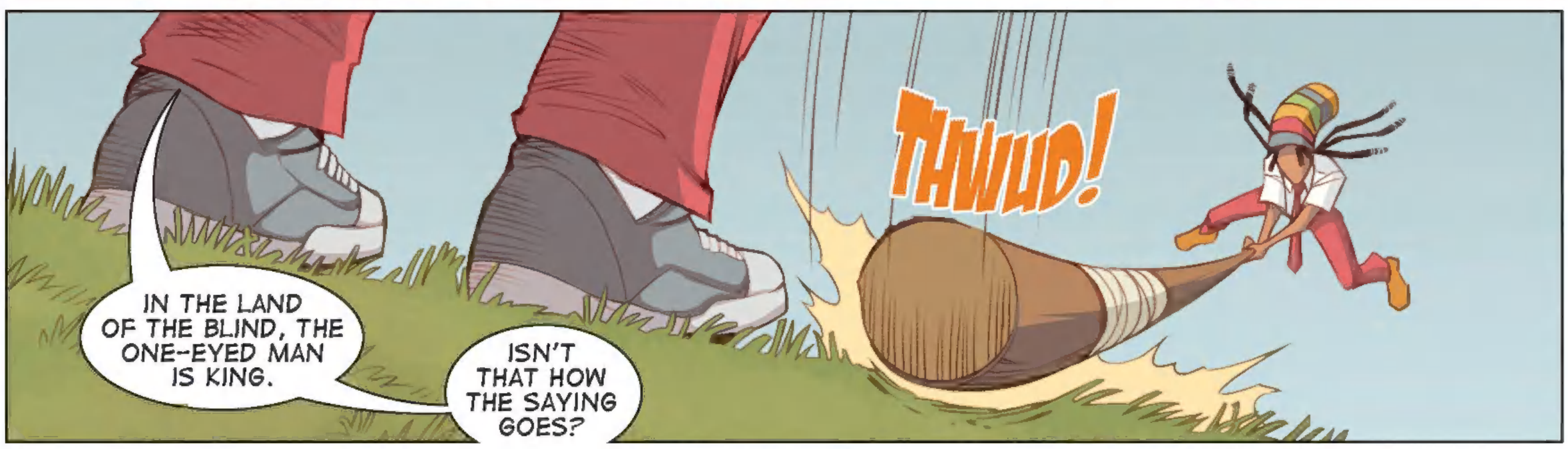
...ALL?
PROBLEMS?

MY EYES...I CAN'T...

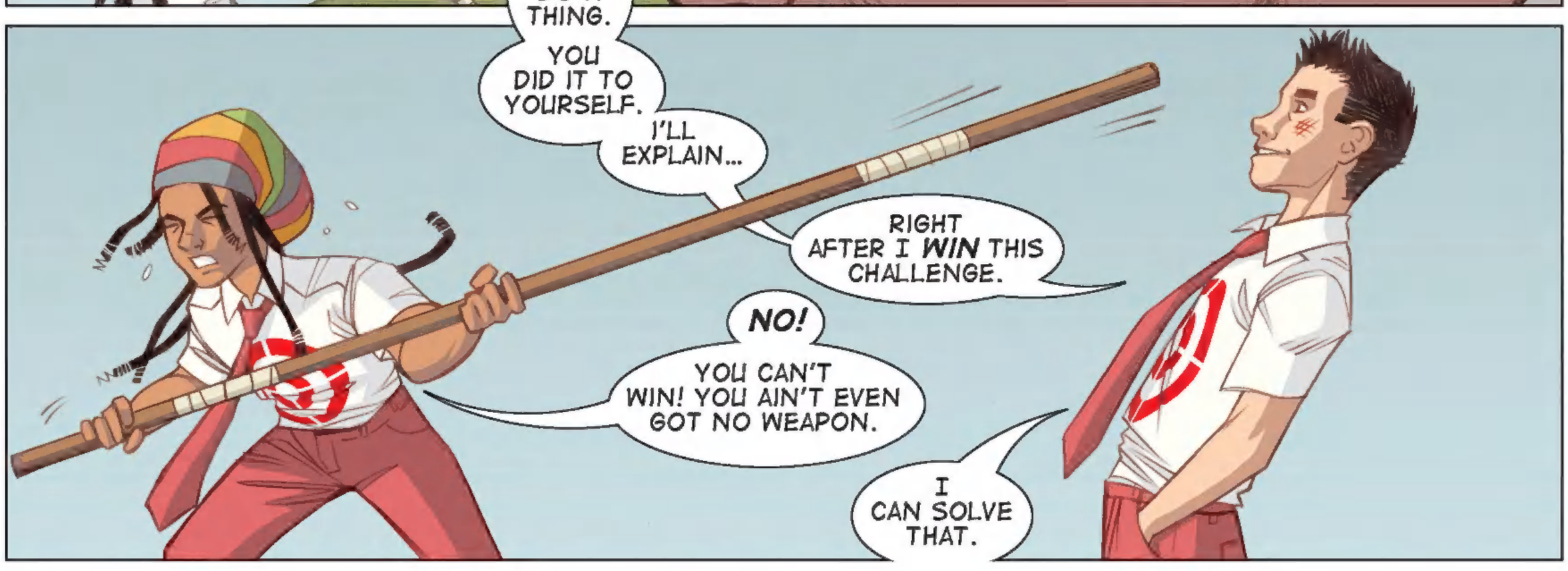
NOT TOO LOUD, MR. PERFECT.
NOT AFTER ALL THAT BRAGGING IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL.
YOU WOULDN'T WANT EVERYONE TO KNOW...

... ABOUT YOUR WEAKNESS.
IN FACT...
...I KNOW ABOUT BOTH OF THEM.


NO!
I'MA MESS YOU UP!
SWOOSH!

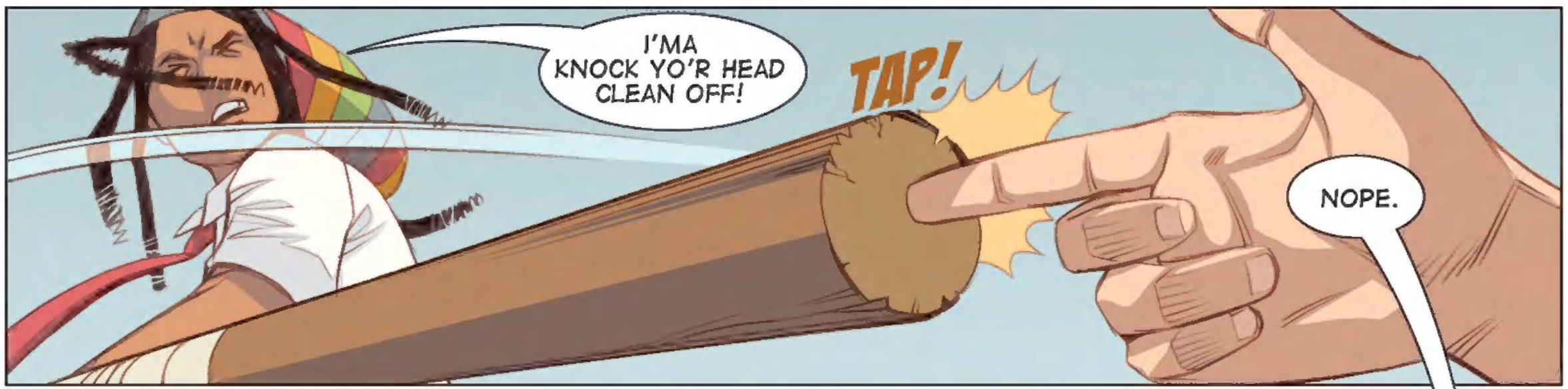

IN THE LAND OF THE BLIND, THE ONE-EYED MAN IS KING.
ISN'T THAT HOW THE SAYING GOES?
THWUD!

WHAD'JA DO TO ME?
YOU CHEATED.
NOPE.
I DIDN'T DO A THING.

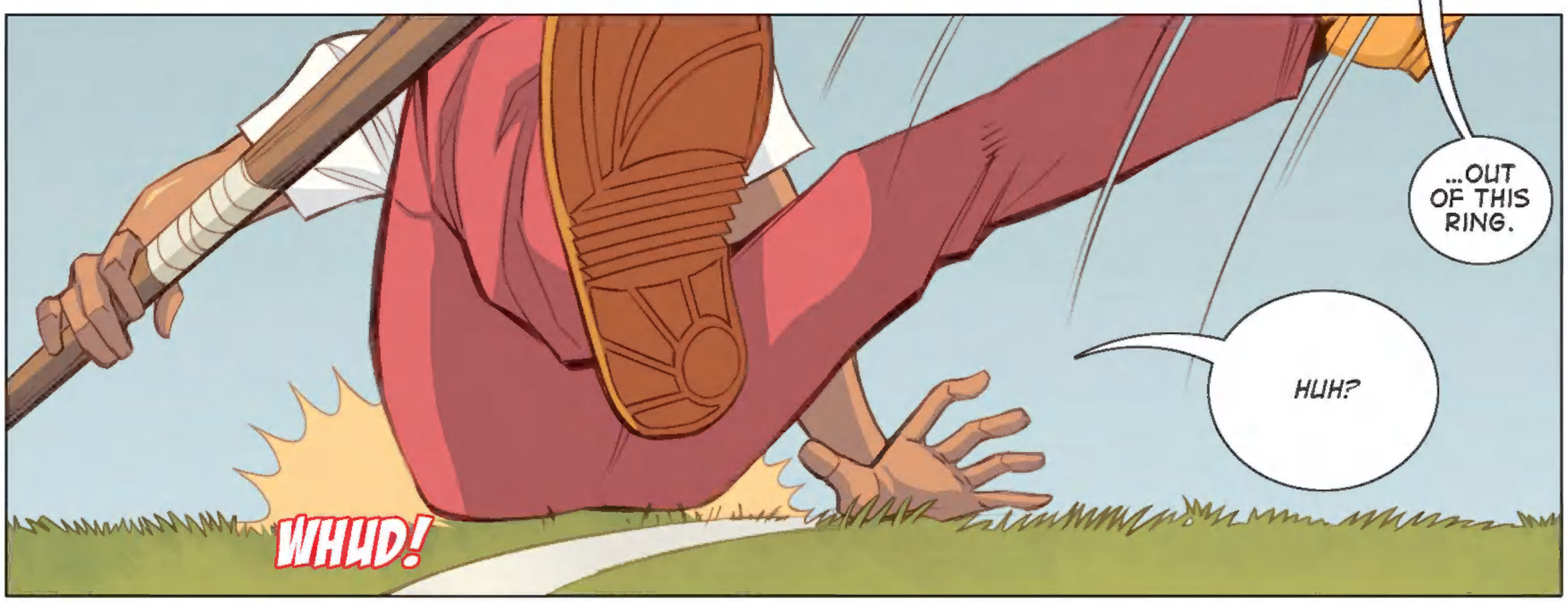

YOU DID IT TO YOURSELF.
I'LL EXPLAIN...
RIGHT AFTER I WIN THIS CHALLENGE.
NO!
YOU CAN'T WIN! YOU AIN'T EVEN GOT NO WEAPON.
I CAN SOLVE THAT.

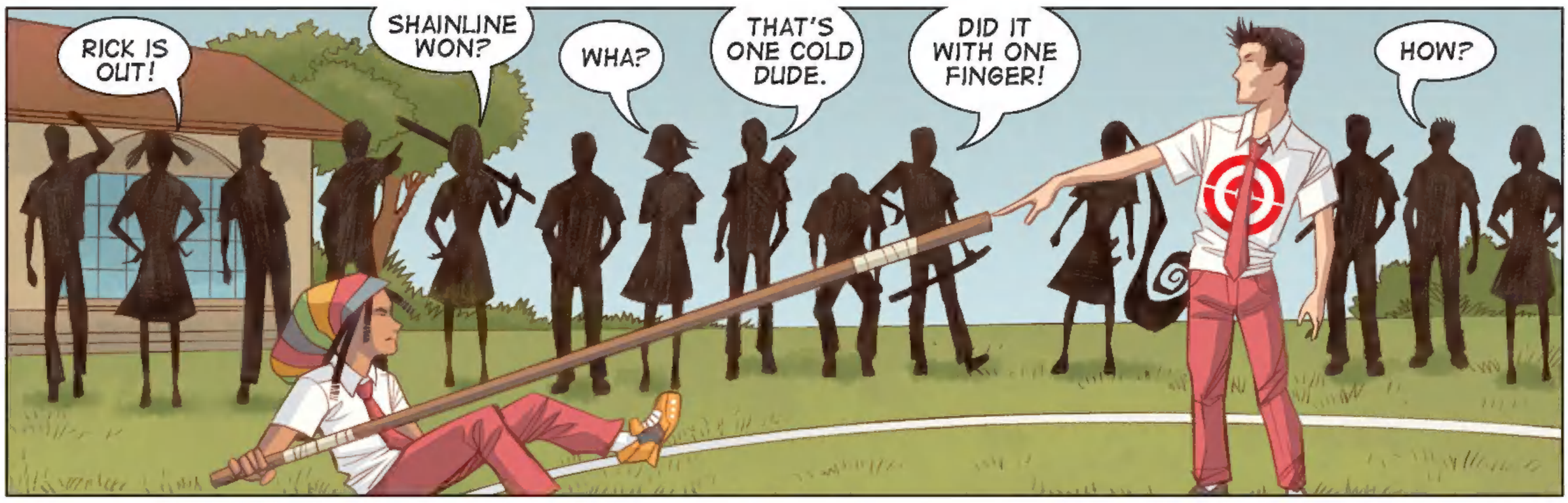
WHERE ARE YOU?
SPEAK UP, PUNK!

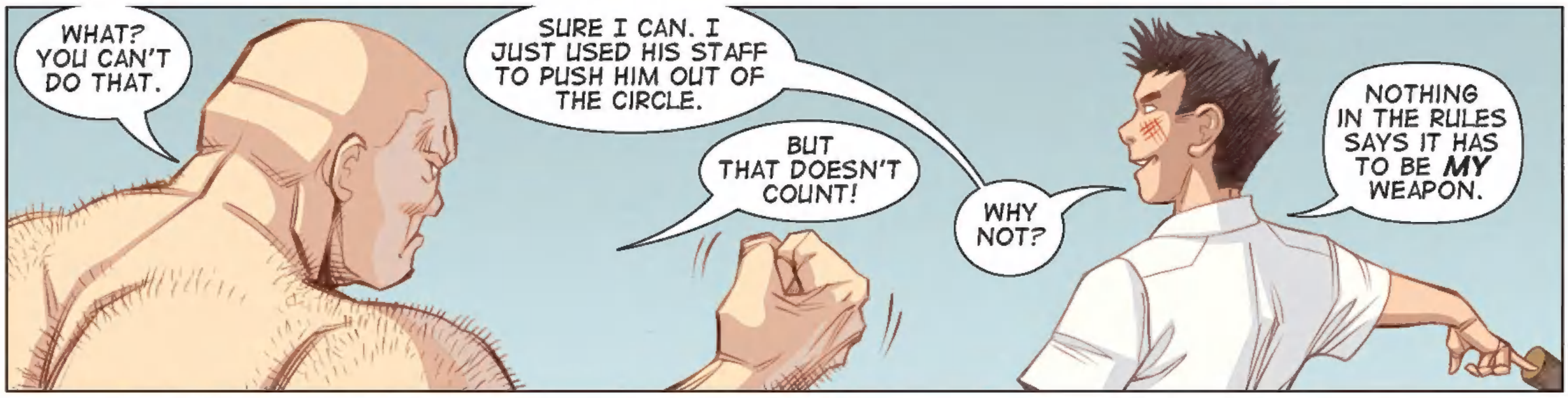
ON YOUR LEFT.
ON YOUR RIGHT.
OR...
JUST BEHIND YOU.

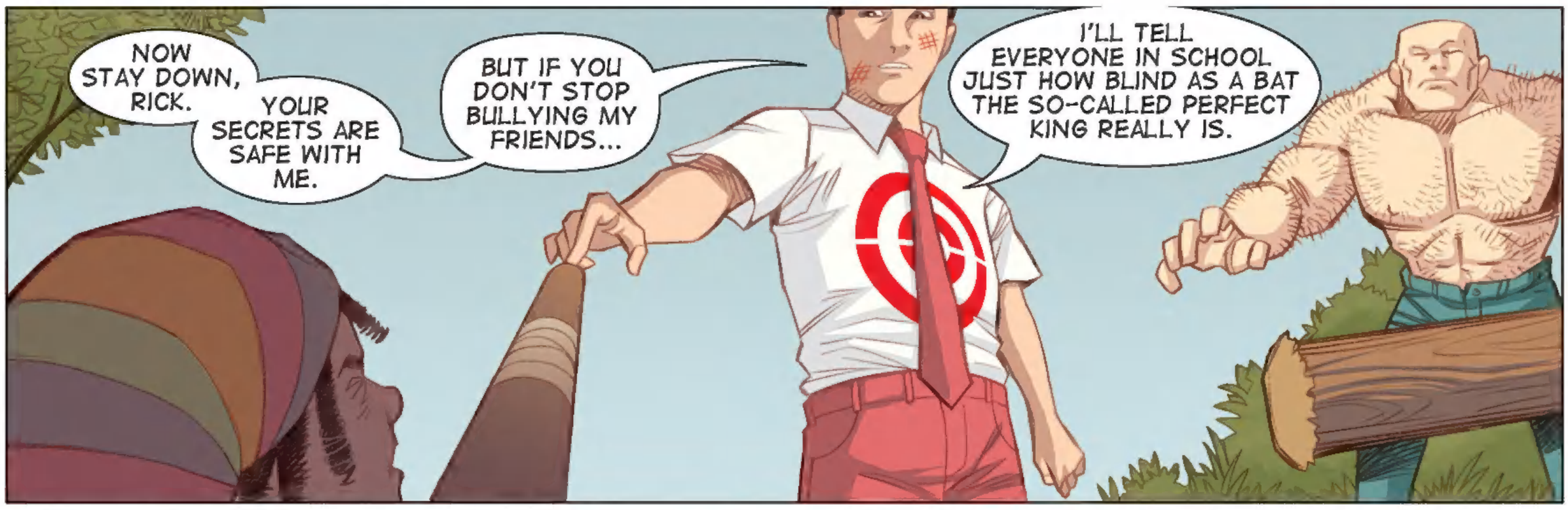

I'MA KNOCK YO'R HEAD CLEAN OFF!
TAP!
NOPE.

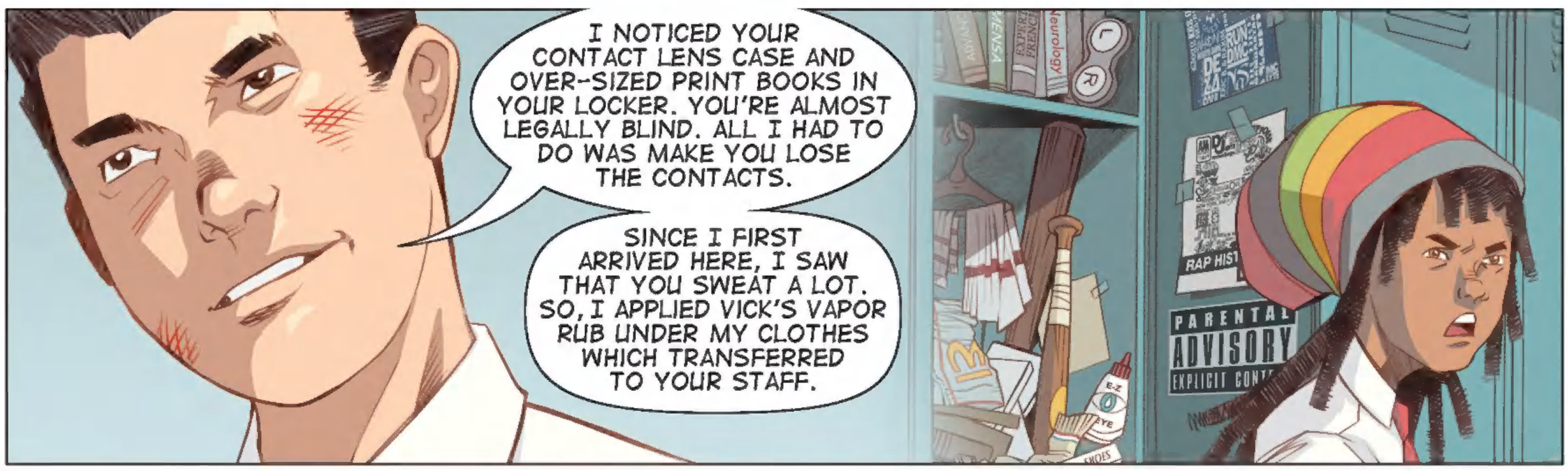
THE ONLY KNOCKING TODAY WILL BE YOU...


...OUT OF THIS RING.
HUH?
WHUD!

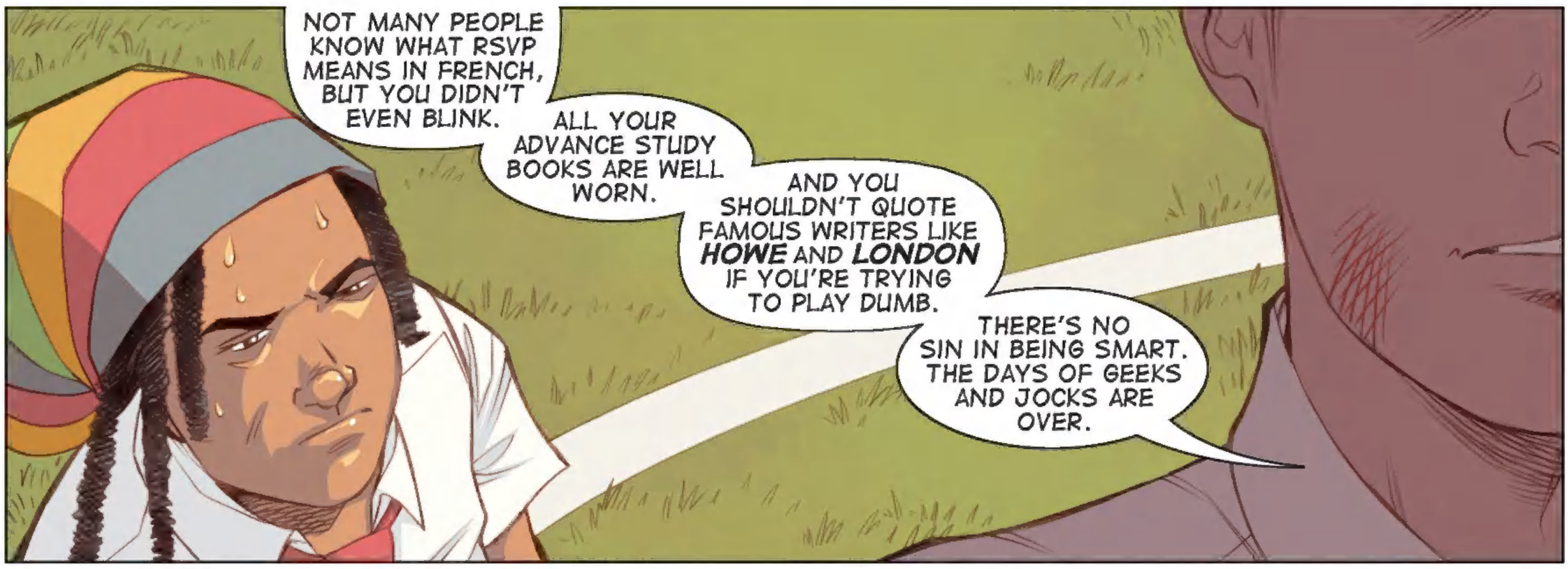

RICK IS OUT!
SHAINLINE WON?
WHA?
THAT'S ONE COLD DUDE.
DID IT WITH ONE FINGER!
HOW?


WHAT? YOU CAN'T DO THAT.
SURE I CAN. I JUST USED HIS STAFF TO PUSH HIM OUT OF THE CIRCLE.
BUT THAT DOESN'T COUNT!
WHY NOT?
NOTHING IN THE RULES SAYS IT HAS TO BE MY WEAPON.

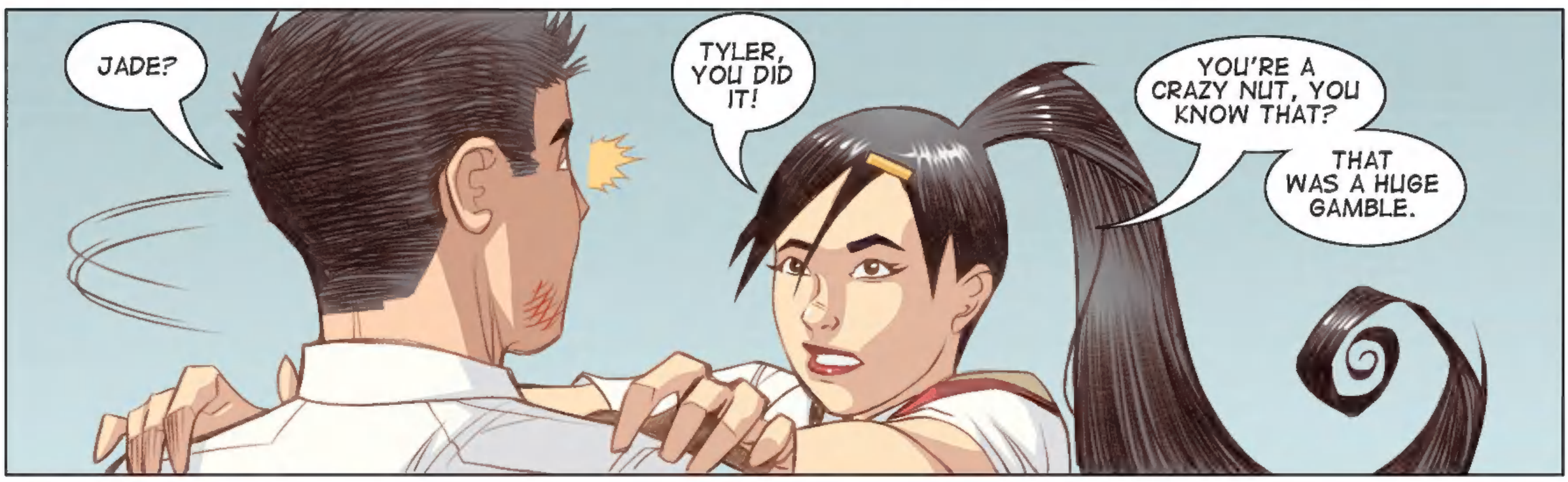

NOW STAY DOWN, RICK.
YOUR SECRETS ARE SAFE WITH ME.
BUT IF YOU DON'T STOP BULLYING MY FRIENDS...
I'LL TELL EVERYONE IN SCHOOL JUST HOW BLIND AS A BAT THE SO-CALLED PERFECT KING REALLY IS.


I NOTICED YOUR CONTACT LENS CASE AND OVER-SIZED PRINT BOOKS IN YOUR LOCKER. YOU'RE ALMOST LEGALLY BLIND. ALL I HAD TO DO WAS MAKE YOU LOSE THE CONTACTS.
SINCE I FIRST ARRIVED HERE, I SAW THAT YOU SWEAT A LOT. SO, I APPLIED VICK'S VAPOR RUB UNDER MY CLOTHES WHICH TRANSFERRED TO YOUR STAFF.
PARENTAL ADVISORY

I KNEW I'D TAKE A BEATING, BUT YOUR DEFEAT WAS SEALED ONCE YOU WIPED THE SWEAT OUT YOUR EYES FROM ALL THAT FANCY STICK WORK.
AS FOR YOUR OTHER SECRET...
YOU CAN DROP THE WHOLE STREET THUG ACT.


NOT MANY PEOPLE KNOW WHAT RSVP MEANS IN FRENCH, BUT YOU DIDN'T EVEN BLINK.
ALL YOUR ADVANCE STUDY BOOKS ARE WELL WORN.
AND YOU SHOULDN'T QUOTE FAMOUS WRITERS LIKE HOWE AND LONDON IF YOU'RE TRYING TO PLAY DUMB.
THERE'S NO SIN IN BEING SMART. THE DAYS OF GEEKS AND JOCKS ARE OVER.

RICK THE STICK, YOU'VE FAILED THE CIRCLE OF DOOM.
I'M NOW THE PRESIDENT OF THE STAFF CLUB.
TYLER!


JADE?
TYLER, YOU DID IT!
YOU'RE A CRAZY NUT, YOU KNOW THAT?
THAT WAS A HUGE GAMBLE.

I WAS... UHM...
SCARED FOR YOU.
HEH... OH... REALLY?
THANKS.
MAYBE I SHOULD RISK MY LIFE ALL THE TIME.
SAY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING AFTER CLASS?
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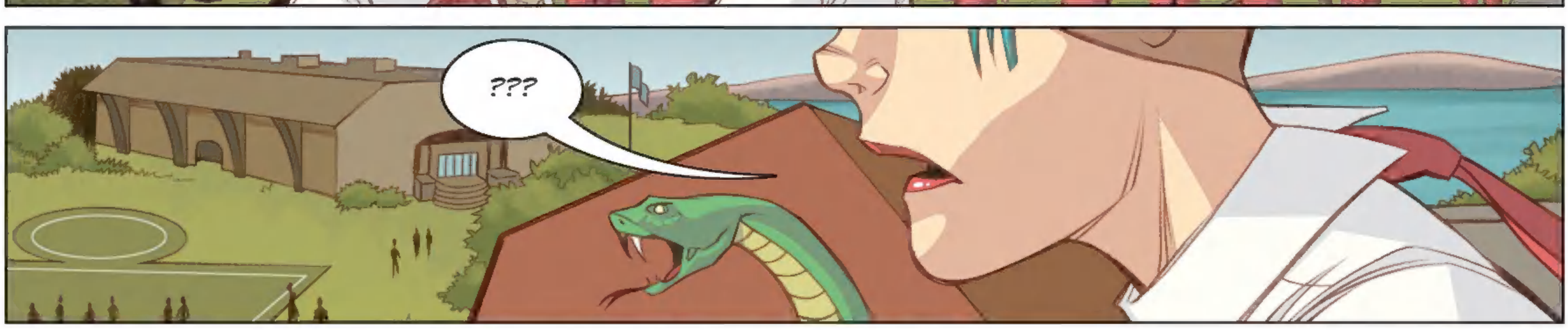
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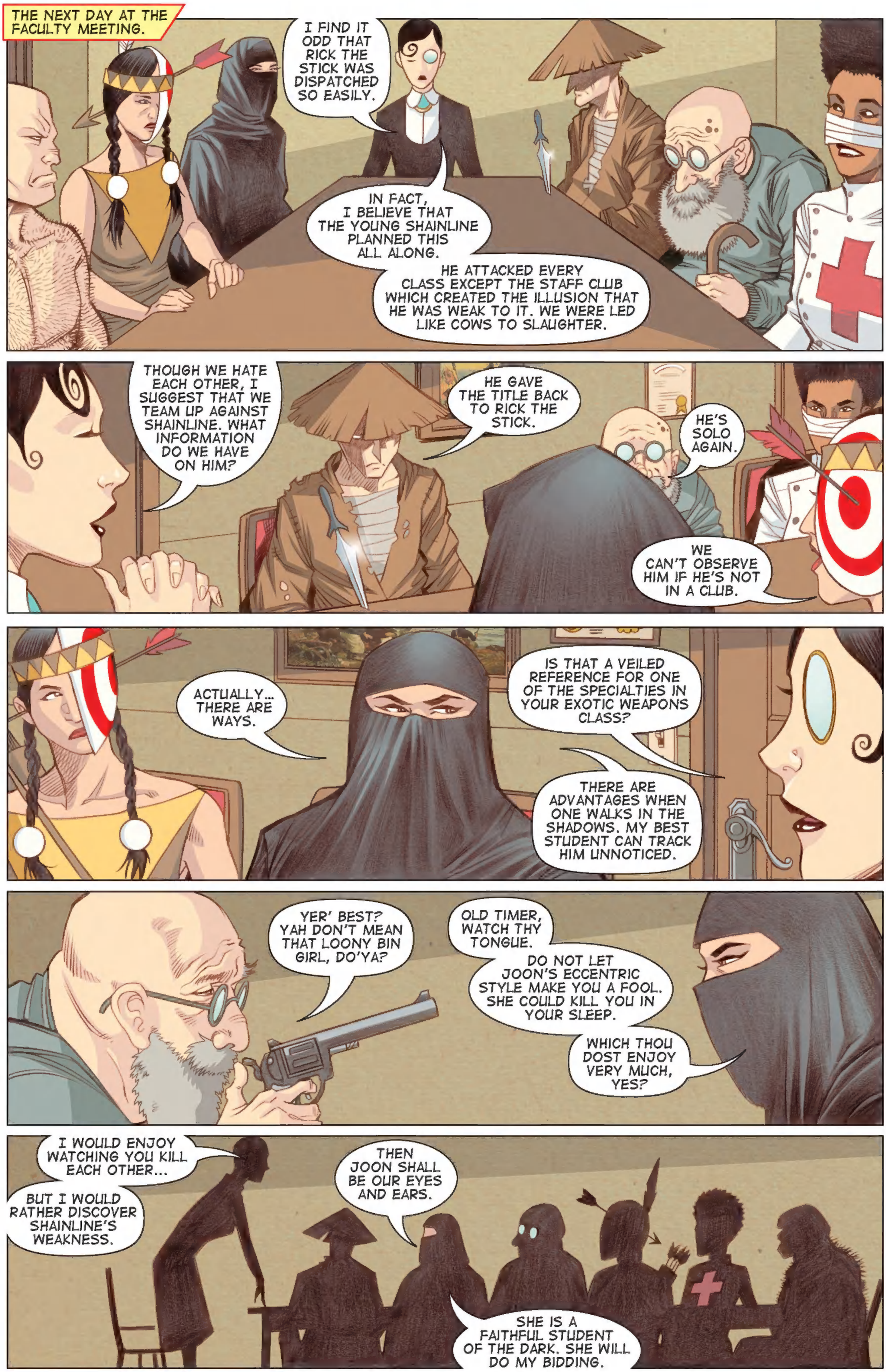
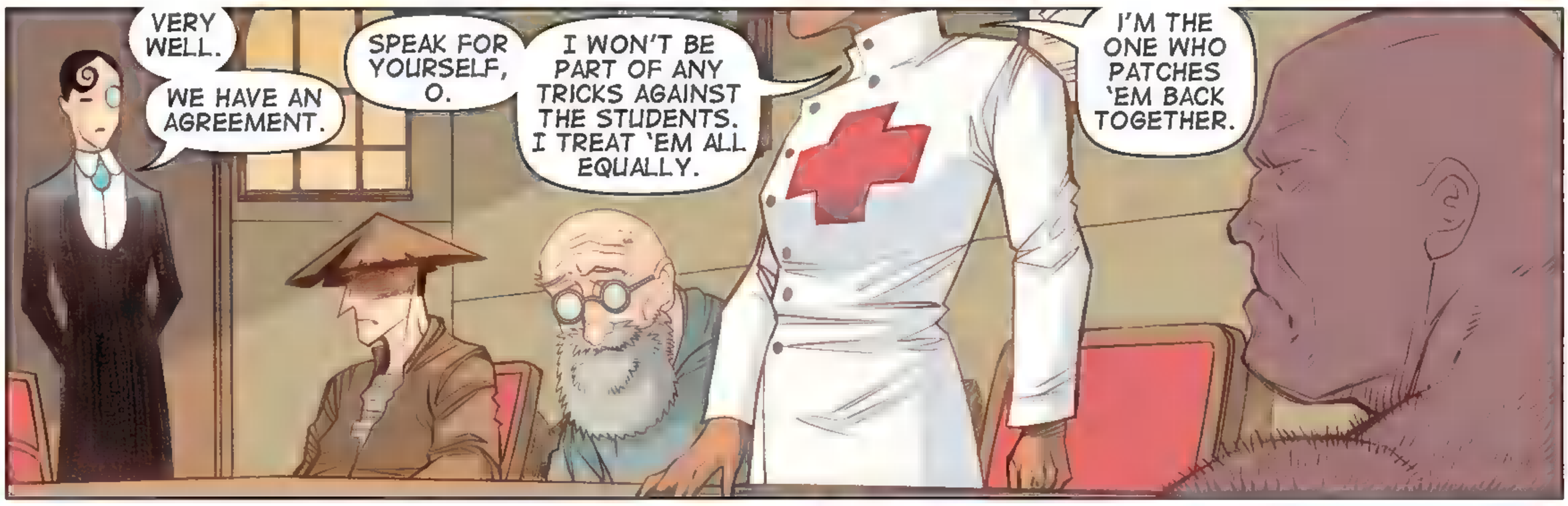
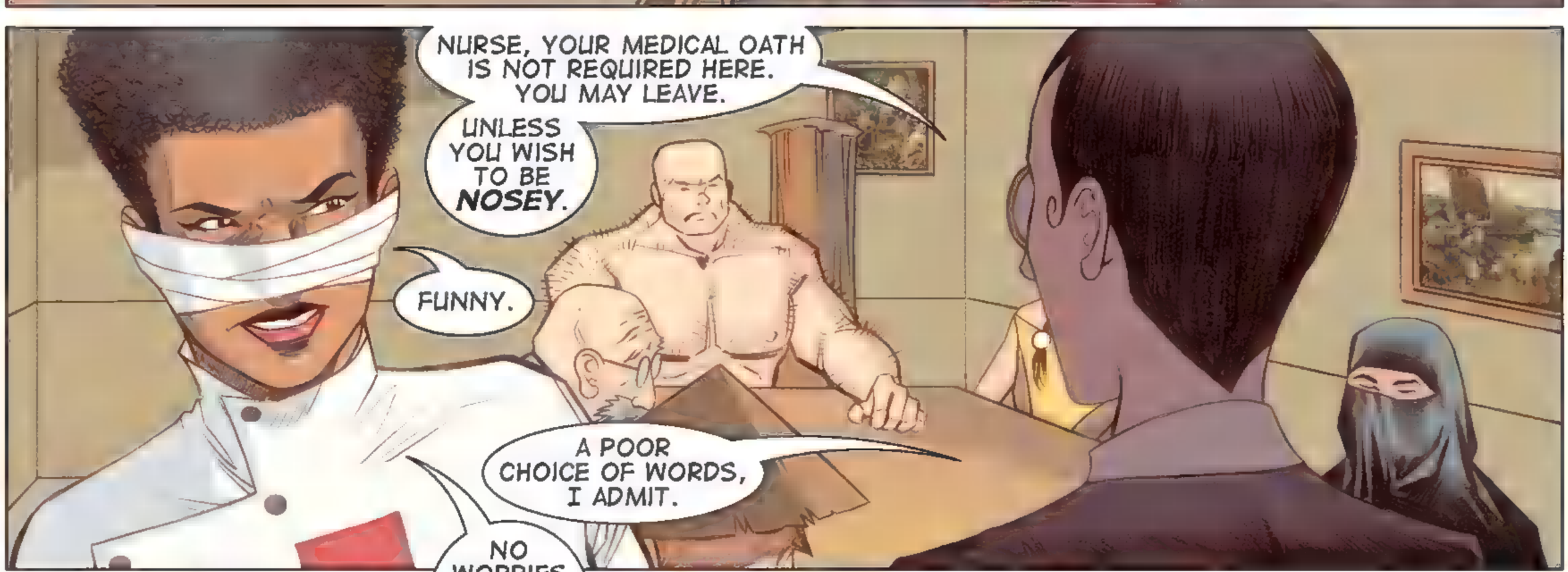
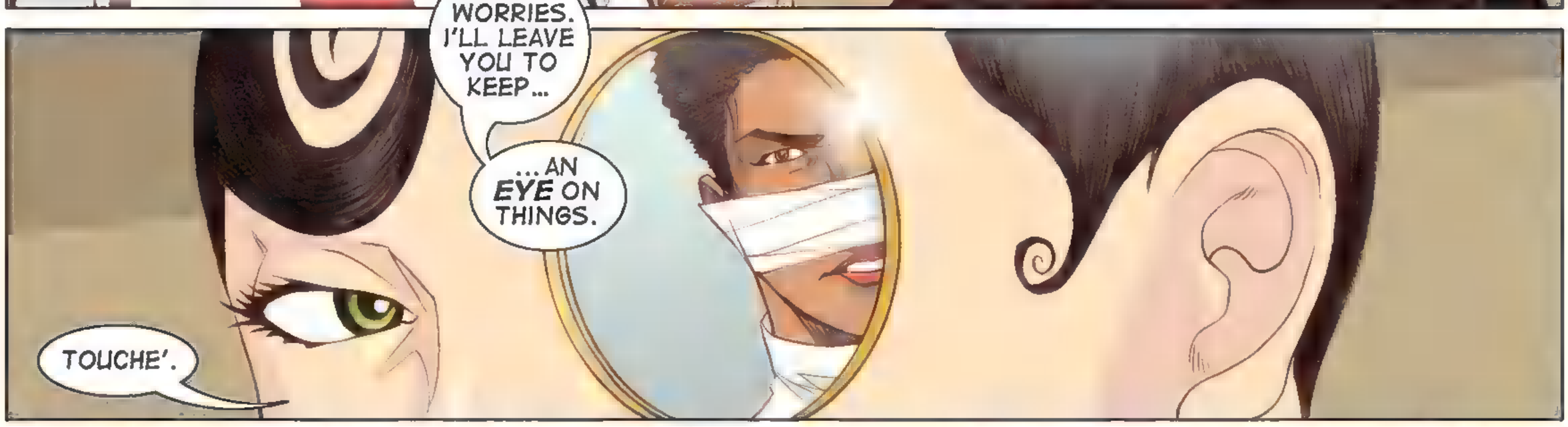
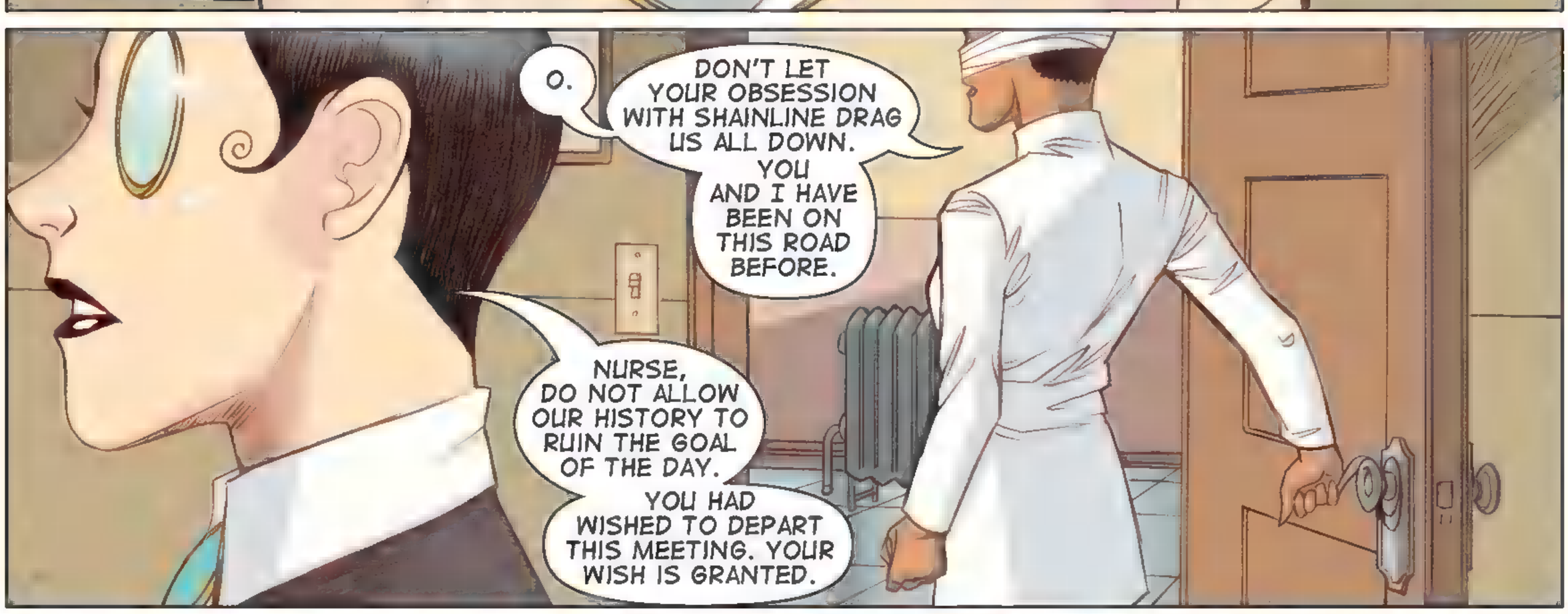
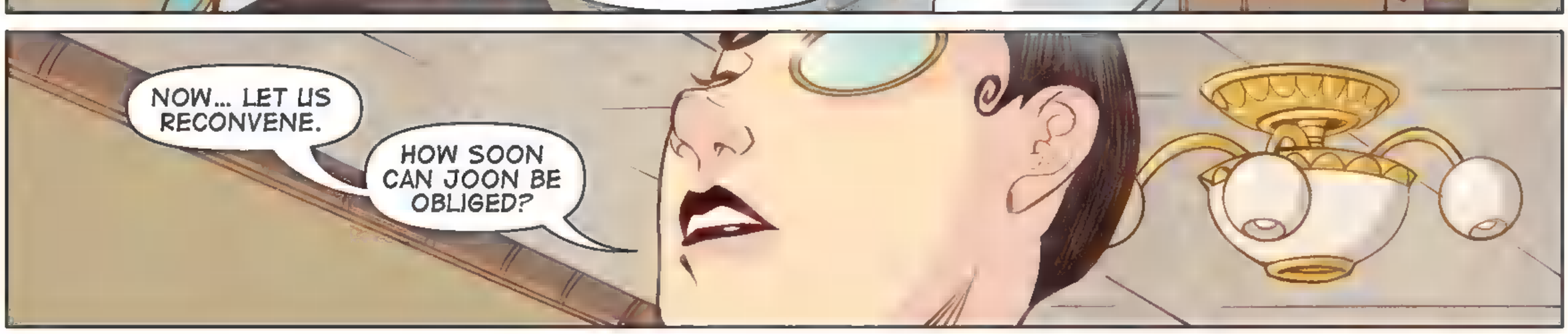

THE NEXT DAY AT THE FACULTY MEETING.
I FIND IT ODD THAT RICK THE STICK WAS DISPATCHED SO EASILY.
IN FACT, I BELIEVE THAT THE YOUNG SHAINLINE PLANNED THIS ALL ALONG.
HE ATTACKED EVERY CLASS EXCEPT THE STAFF CLUB WHICH CREATED THE ILLUSION THAT HE WAS WEAK TO IT. WE WERE LED LIKE COWS TO SLAUGHTER.
THOUGH WE HATE EACH OTHER, I SUGGEST THAT WE TEAM UP AGAINST SHAINLINE. WHAT INFORMATION DO WE HAVE ON HIM?
HE GAVE THE TITLE BACK TO RICK THE STICK.
HE'S SOLO AGAIN.
WE CAN'T OBSERVE HIM IF HE'S NOT IN A CLUB.
ACTUALLY... THERE ARE WAYS.
IS THAT A VEILED REFERENCE FOR ONE OF THE SPECIALTIES IN YOUR EXOTIC WEAPONS CLASS?
THERE ARE ADVANTAGES WHEN ONE WALKS IN THE SHADOWS. MY BEST STUDENT CAN TRACK HIM UNNOTICED.
YER' BEST? YAH DON'T MEAN THAT LOONY BIN GIRL, DO'YA?
OLD TIMER, WATCH THY TONGUE.
DO NOT LET JOON'S ECCENTRIC STYLE MAKE YOU A FOOL. SHE COULD KILL YOU IN YOUR SLEEP.
WHICH THOU DOST ENJOY VERY MUCH, YES?
I WOULD ENJOY WATCHING YOU KILL EACH OTHER...
BUT I WOULD RATHER DISCOVER SHAINLINE'S WEAKNESS.
THEN JOON SHALL BE OUR EYES AND EARS.
SHE IS A FAITHFUL STUDENT OF THE DARK. SHE WILL DO MY BIDDING.

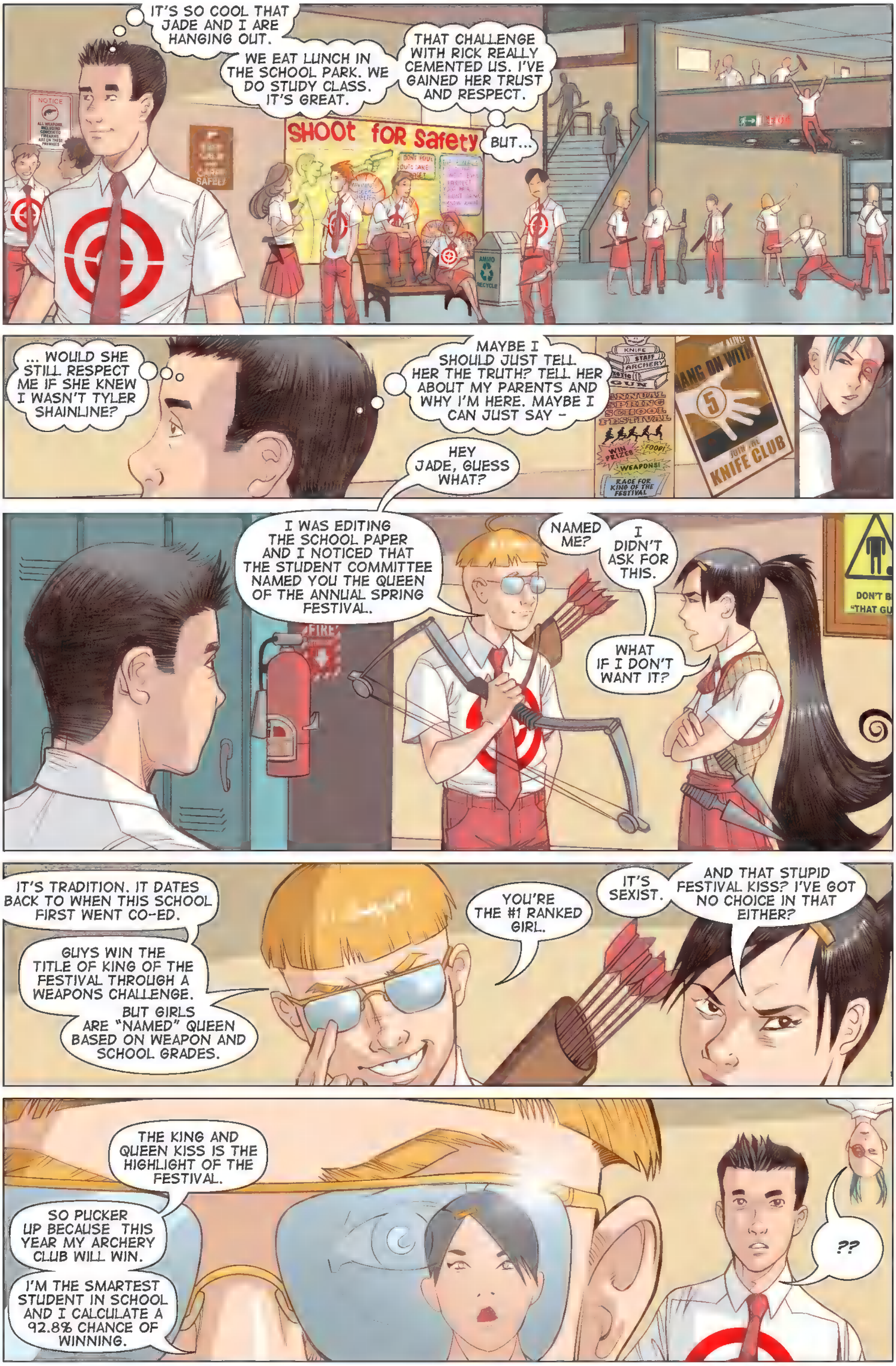

VERY WELL.
WE HAVE AN AGREEMENT.
SPEAK FOR YOURSELF, O.
I WON'T BE PART OF ANY TRICKS AGAINST THE STUDENTS. I TREAT 'EM ALL EQUALLY.
I'M THE ONE WHO PATCHES 'EM BACK TOGETHER.


NURSE, YOUR MEDICAL OATH IS NOT REQUIRED HERE. YOU MAY LEAVE.
UNLESS YOU WISH TO BE NOSEY.
FUNNY.
A POOR CHOICE OF WORDS, I ADMIT.


NO WORRIES. I'LL LEAVE YOU TO KEEP...
...AN EYE ON THINGS.
TOUCHE'.


O.
DON'T LET YOUR OBSESSION WITH SHAINLINE DRAG US ALL DOWN. YOU AND I HAVE BEEN ON THIS ROAD BEFORE.
NURSE, DO NOT ALLOW OUR HISTORY TO RUIN THE GOAL OF THE DAY.
YOU HAD WISHED TO DEPART THIS MEETING. YOUR WISH IS GRANTED.


NOW... LET US RECONVENE.
HOW SOON CAN JOON BE OBLIGED?


IT'S SO COOL THAT JADE AND I ARE HANGING OUT.
WE EAT LUNCH IN THE SCHOOL PARK. WE DO STUDY CLASS. IT'S GREAT.
THAT CHALLENGE WITH RICK REALLY CEMENTED US. I'VE GAINED HER TRUST AND RESPECT.
BUT...
NOTICE
SHOOt fOR Safety
AMMO RECYCLE
... WOULD SHE STILL RESPECT ME IF SHE KNEW I WASN'T TYLER SHAINLINE?
MAYBE I SHOULD JUST TELL HER THE TRUTH? TELL HER ABOUT MY PARENTS AND WHY I'M HERE. MAYBE I CAN JUST SAY –
HEY JADE, GUESS WHAT?
KNIFE
STAFF
ARCHERY
GUN
ANNUAL SPRING SCHOOL FESTIVAL
WIN PRIZES
FOOD!
WEAPONS!
RACE FOR KING OF THE FESTIVAL
HANG ON WITH
5
JOIN THE KNIFE CLUB
I WAS EDITING THE SCHOOL PAPER AND I NOTICED THAT THE STUDENT COMMITTEE NAMED YOU THE QUEEN OF THE ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL.
NAMED ME?
I DIDN'T ASK FOR THIS.
WHAT IF I DON'T WANT IT?
FIRE
IT'S TRADITION. IT DATES BACK TO WHEN THIS SCHOOL FIRST WENT CO-ED.
GUYS WIN THE TITLE OF KING OF THE FESTIVAL THROUGH A WEAPONS CHALLENGE.
BUT GIRLS ARE "NAMED" QUEEN BASED ON WEAPON AND SCHOOL GRADES.
YOU'RE THE #1 RANKED GIRL.
IT'S SEXIST.
AND THAT STUPID FESTIVAL KISS? I'VE GOT NO CHOICE IN THAT EITHER?
THE KING AND QUEEN KISS IS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE FESTIVAL.
SO PUCKER UP BECAUSE THIS YEAR MY ARCHERY CLUB WILL WIN.
I'M THE SMARTEST STUDENT IN SCHOOL AND I CALCULATE A 92.8% CHANCE OF WINNING.
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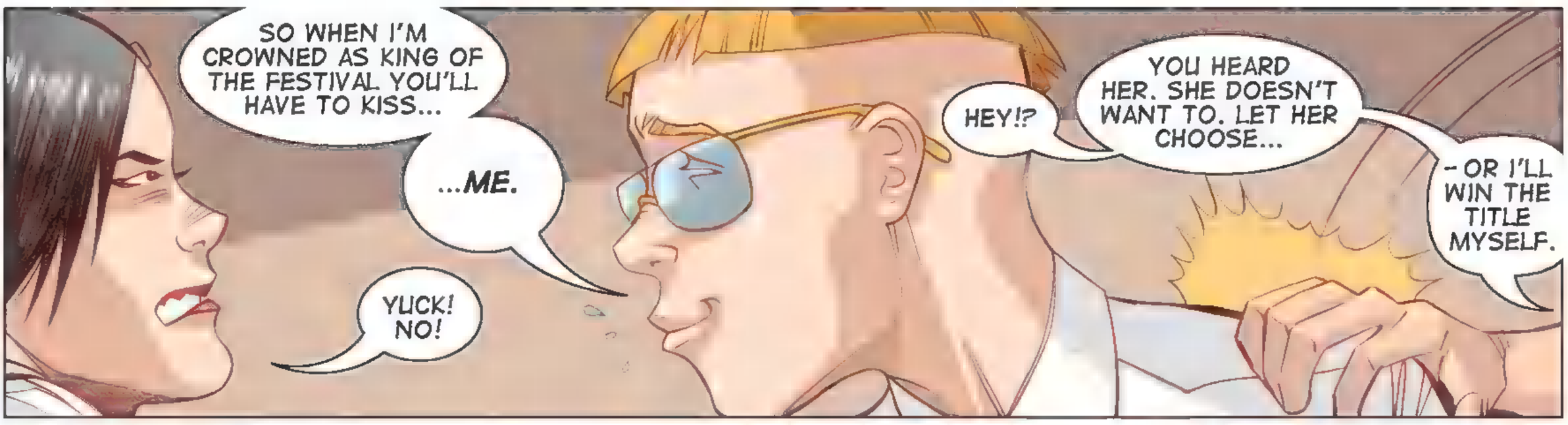
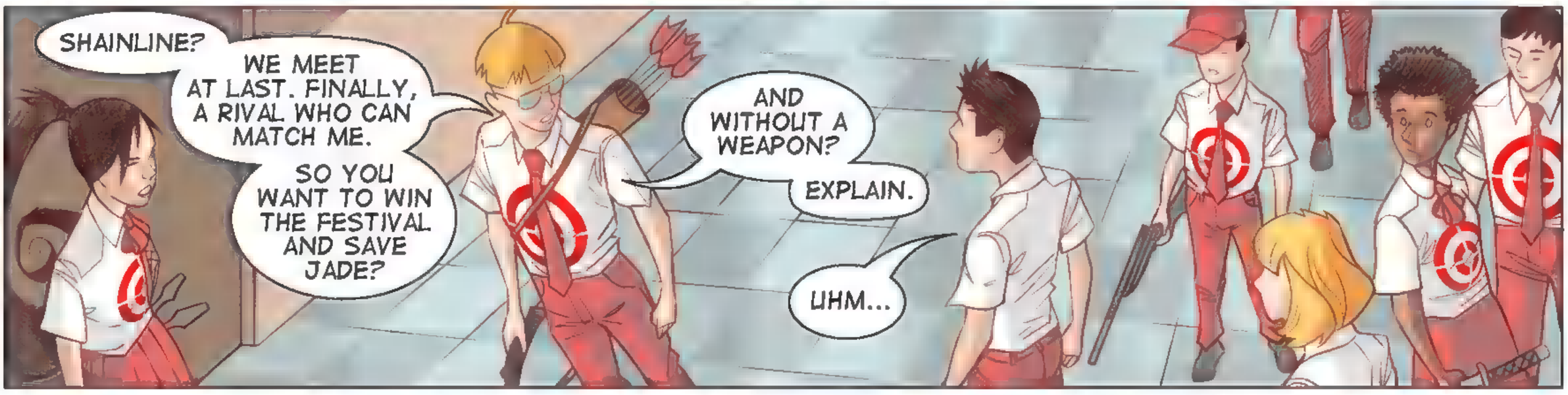
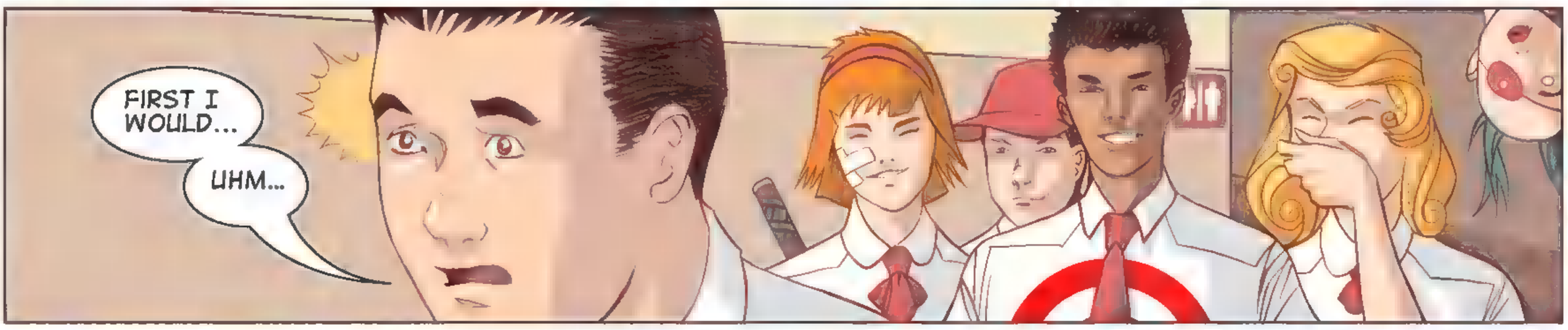
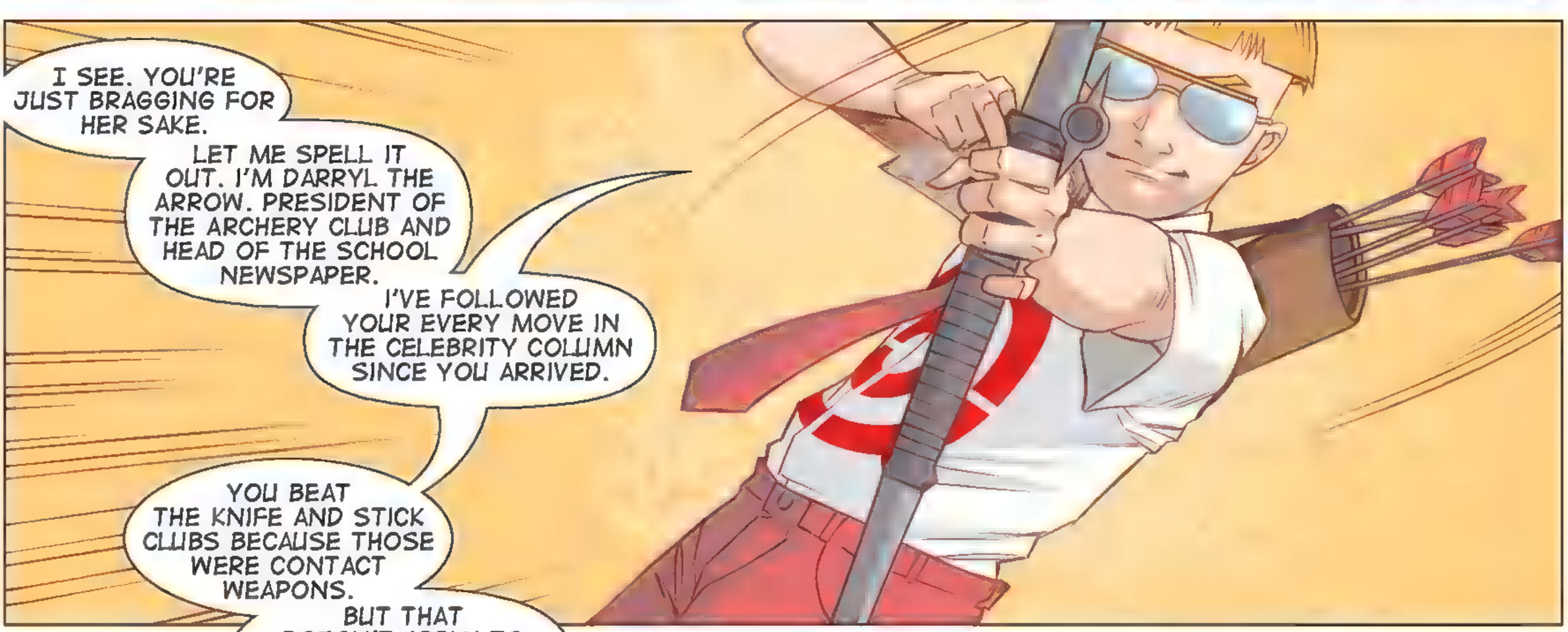

SO WHEN I'M CROWNED AS KING OF THE FESTIVAL YOU'LL HAVE TO KISS...
...ME.
YUCK! NO!
HEY!?
YOU HEARD HER. SHE DOESN'T WANT TO. LET HER CHOOSE...
- OR I'LL WIN THE TITLE MYSELF.

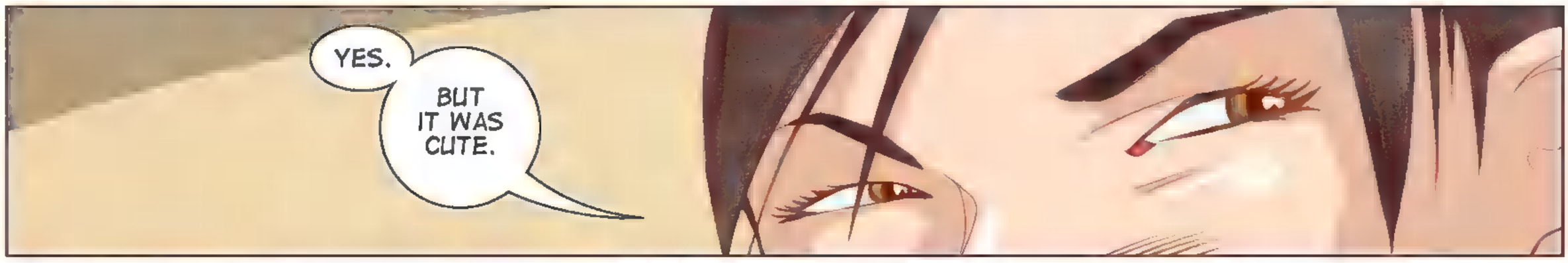

SHAINLINE?
WE MEET AT LAST. FINALLY, A RIVAL WHO CAN MATCH ME.
SO YOU WANT TO WIN THE FESTIVAL AND SAVE JADE?
AND WITHOUT A WEAPON?
EXPLAIN.
UHM...


FIRST I WOULD...
UHM...


I SEE. YOU'RE JUST BRAGGING FOR HER SAKE.
LET ME SPELL IT OUT. I'M DARRYL THE ARROW. PRESIDENT OF THE ARCHERY CLUB AND HEAD OF THE SCHOOL NEWSPAPER.
I'VE FOLLOWED YOUR EVERY MOVE IN THE CELEBRITY COLUMN SINCE YOU ARRIVED.
YOU BEAT THE KNIFE AND STICK CLUBS BECAUSE THOSE WERE CONTACT WEAPONS.
BUT THAT DOESN'T APPLY TO MY CLUB. YOUR FAMOUS NAME OR YOUR FANCY TRICKS WON'T STOP ME FROM WINNING.

I'LL WIN. DON'T WORRY. UHM...
I'LL FIND A WAY. I'LL DO IT FOR JADE.
I'LL ADD THAT LINE OF BRAVADO TO TOMORROW'S PAPER. THE ENTIRE SCHOOL CAN READ ABOUT YOUR STUPIDITY IN PRINT.

LET'S GO. YOU DON'T HAVE TO PROTECT ME. I CAN HANDLE HIM.
SORRY.
I GUESS I PUT MY FOOT IN IT.
OBSERVE ALL SAFETY SIGNS
DON'T BE "THAT GUY"
AMMO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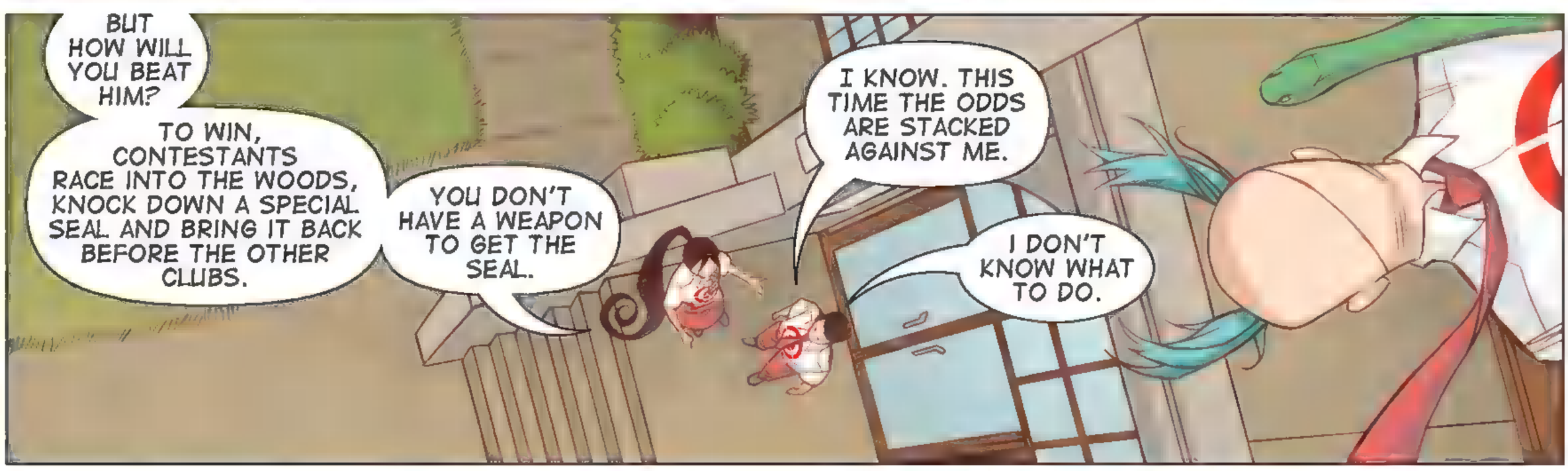
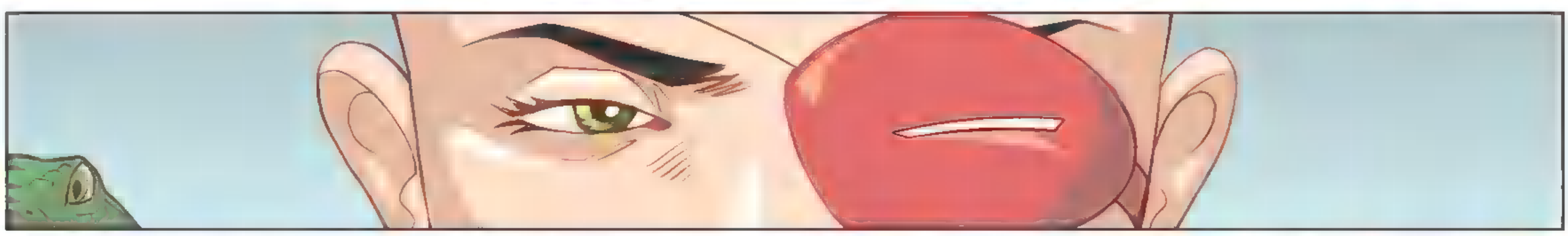
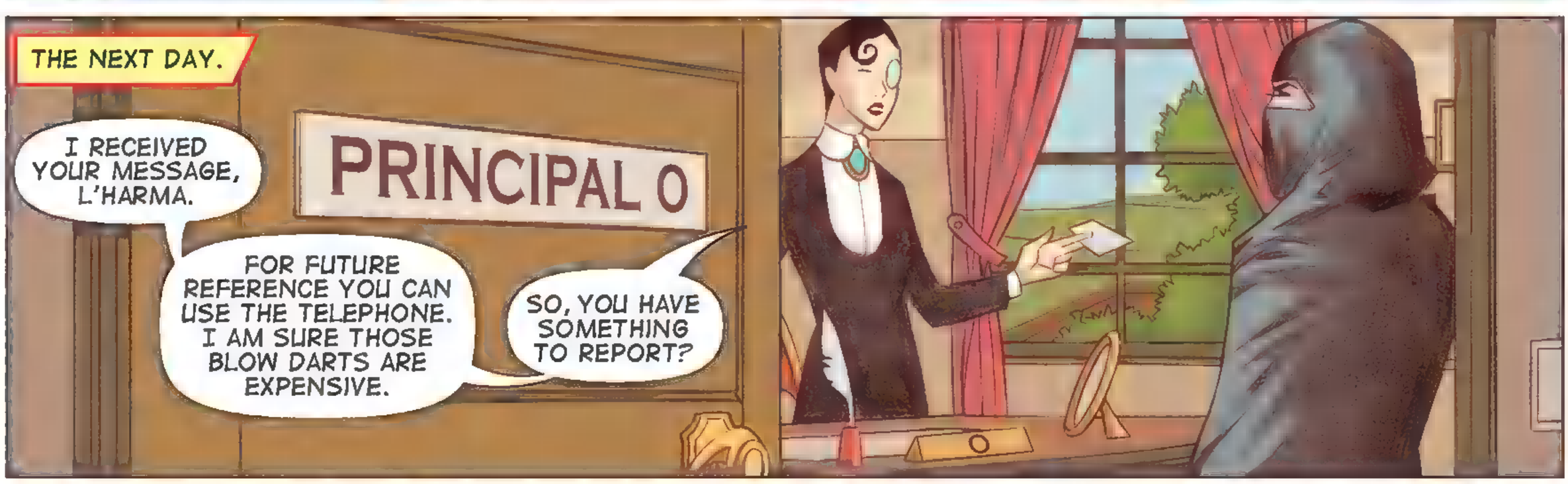
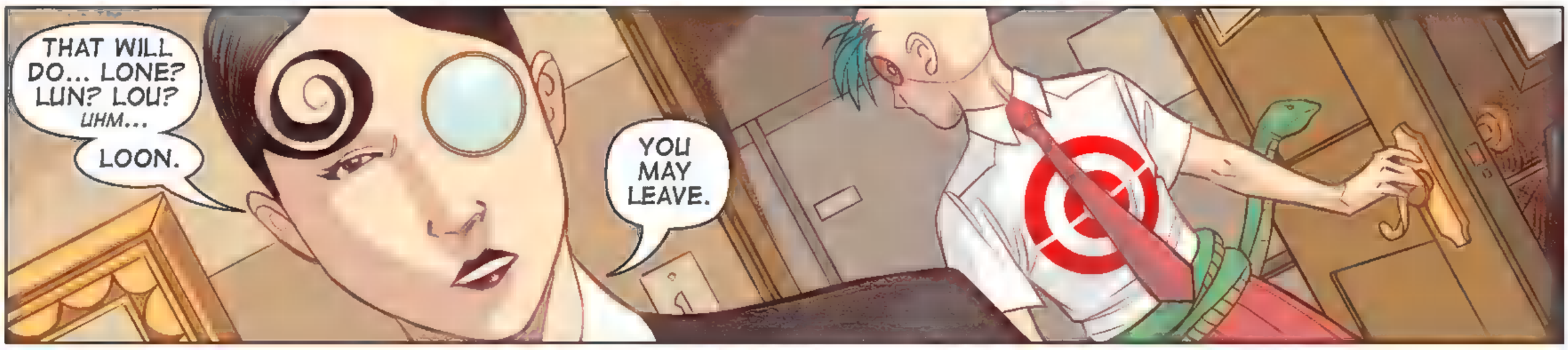

BUT HOW WILL YOU BEAT HIM?
TO WIN, CONTESTANTS RACE INTO THE WOODS, KNOCK DOWN A SPECIAL SEAL AND BRING IT BACK BEFORE THE OTHER CLUBS.
YOU DON'T HAVE A WEAPON TO GET THE SEAL.
I KNOW. THIS TIME THE ODDS ARE STACKED AGAINST ME.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.

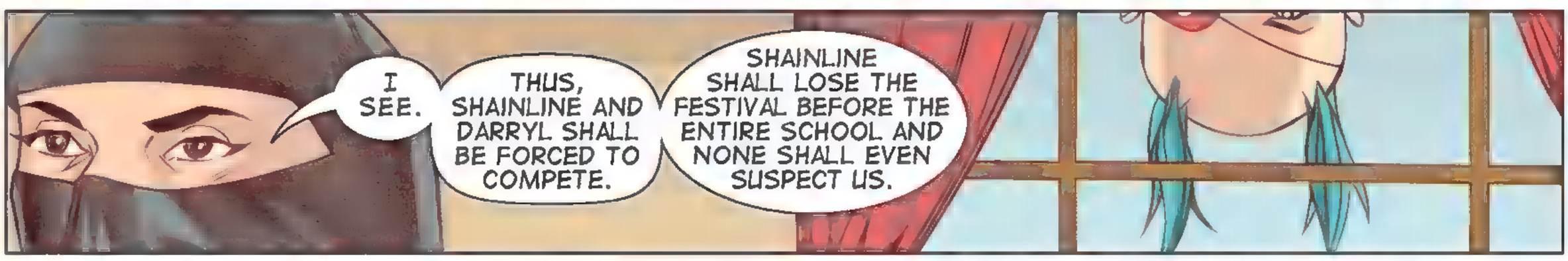



THE NEXT DAY.
PRINCIPAL O
I RECEIVED YOUR MESSAGE, L'HARMA.
FOR FUTURE REFERENCE YOU CAN USE THE TELEPHONE. I AM SURE THOSE BLOW DARTS ARE EXPENSIVE.
SO, YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO REPORT?

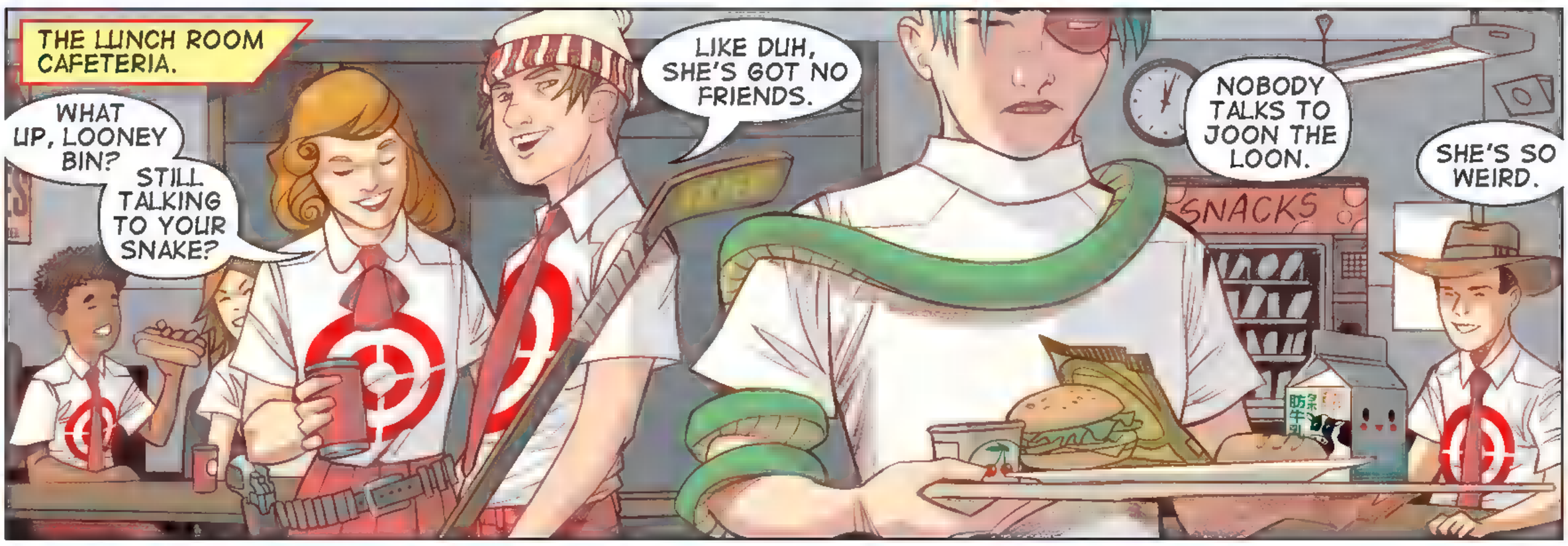
SING MY BIRD. TELL PRINCIPAL O WHAT THOU OBSERVED. REVEAL THE BRUIT UNTO US.
TYLER SHAINLINE HAS A WEAKNESS. HE CANNOT BEAT DARRYL THE ARROW IN THE FESTIVAL CHALLENGE.
I SEE.


THAT WILL DO... LONE? LUN? LOU? UHM...
LOON.
YOU MAY LEAVE.

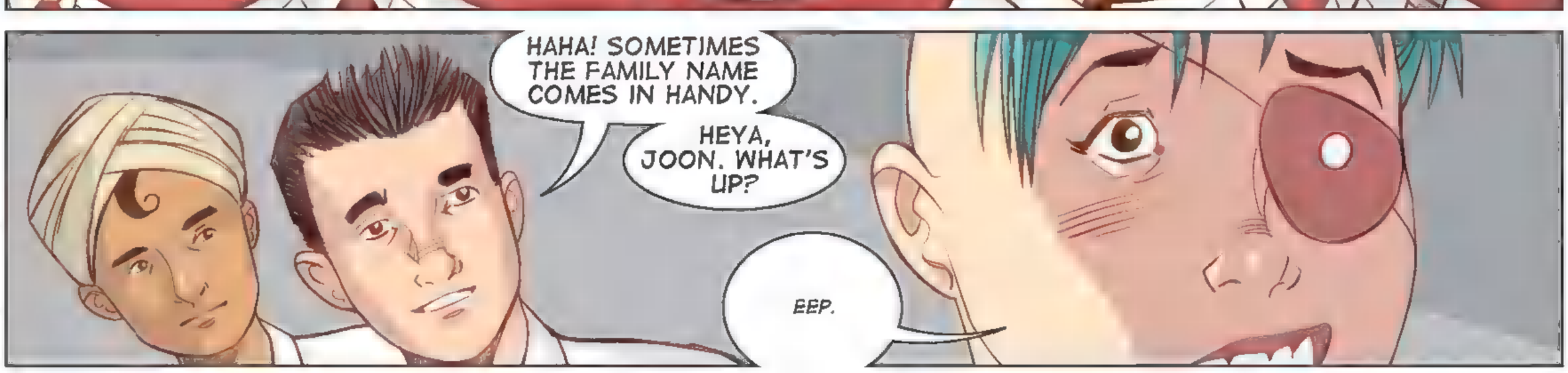
IF WE CAN TRUST THE INFORMATION FROM MISS LOON...
THEN SHAINLINE'S WEAKNESS IS JADE. HE WILL COMPETE FOR HER HONOR.
WHAT IF WE SKEW THE FESTIVAL CHALLENGE IN FAVOR OF DARRYL THE ARROW?
YOUR EXOTIC CLUB SPECIALIZES IN POISON.
CONCOCT A RELAXANT AND SECRETLY ADMINISTER IT TO THE OTHER CONTESTANTS.

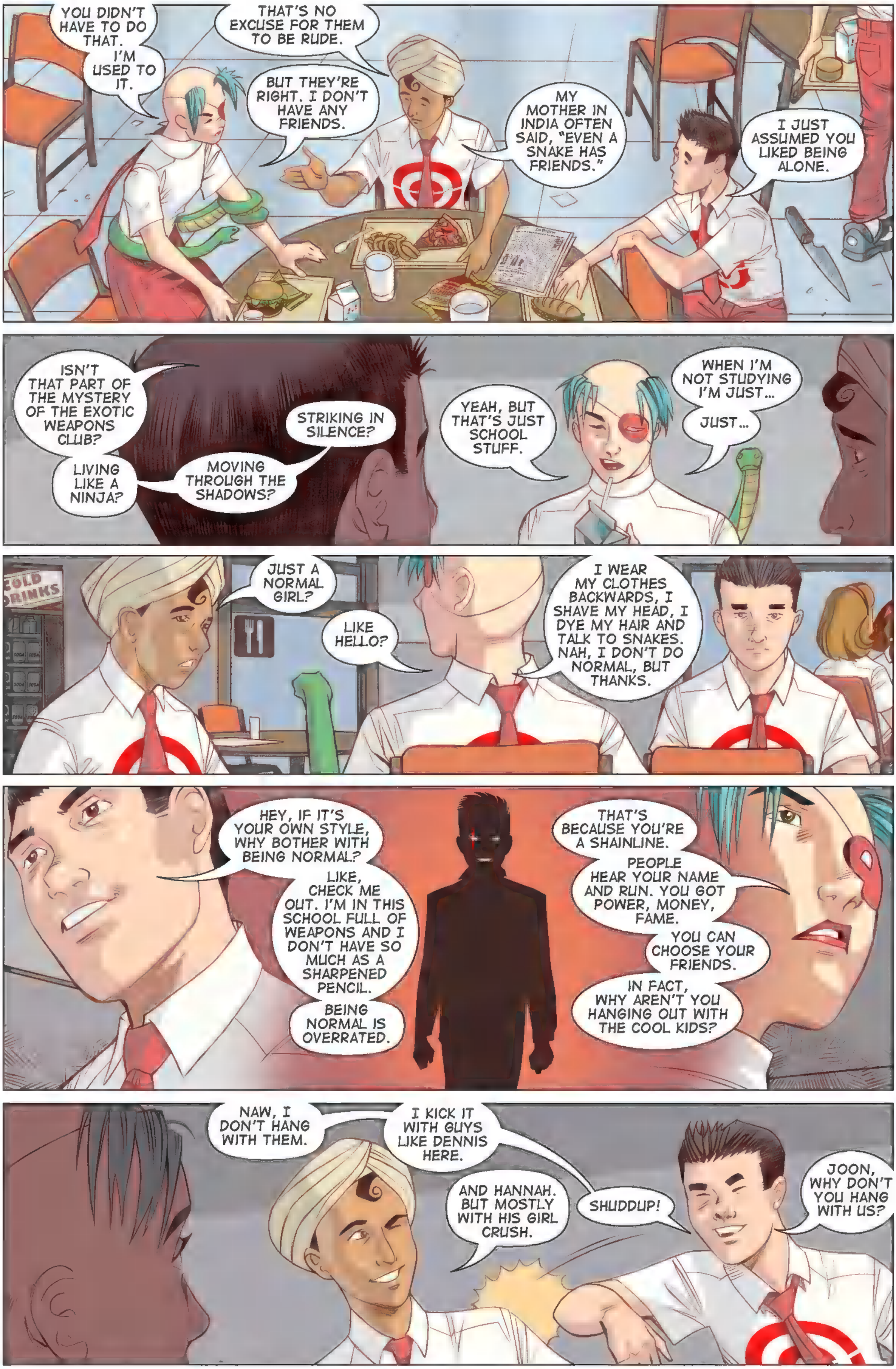

I SEE.
THUS, SHAINLINE AND DARRYL SHALL BE FORCED TO COMPETE.
SHAINLINE SHALL LOSE THE FESTIVAL BEFORE THE ENTIRE SCHOOL AND NONE SHALL EVEN SUSPECT US.

THIS IS WRONG. I NEED TO THINK ON THIS.
BUT FIRST I NEED TO EAT.

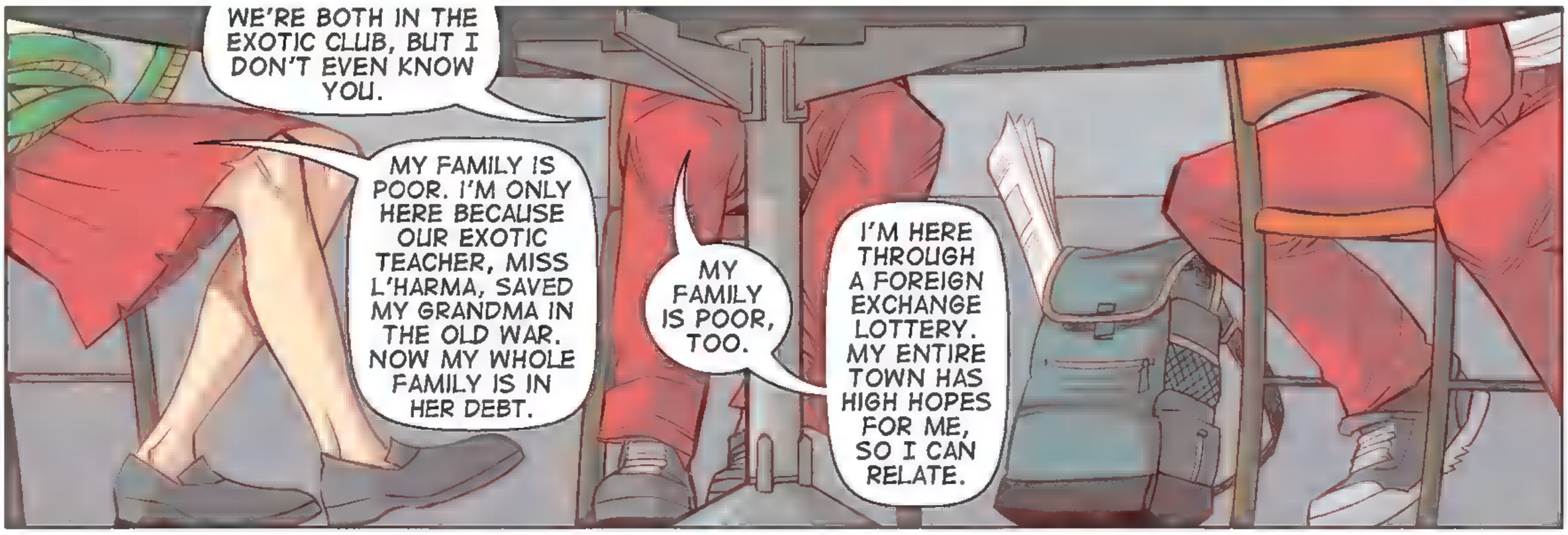

THE LUNCH ROOM CAFETERIA.
WHAT UP, LOONEY BIN?
STILL TALKING TO YOUR SNAKE?
LIKE DUH, SHE'S GOT NO FRIENDS.
NOBODY TALKS TO JOON THE LOON.
SNACKS
SHE'S SO WEIRD.

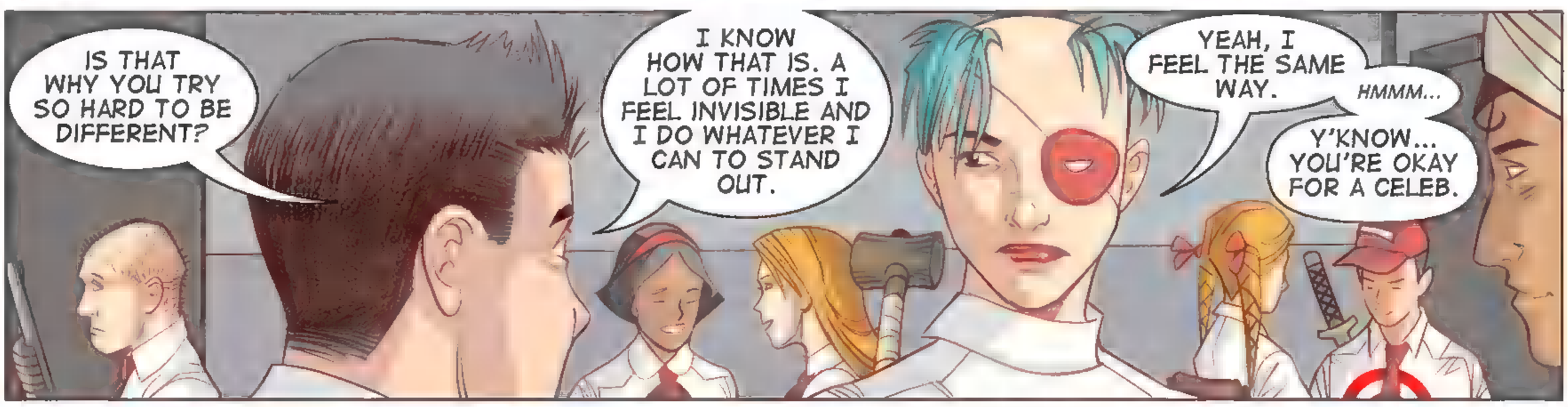
HEY!?
YOU GUYS GOTTA PROBLEM?
SHAINLINE?
WHATEVER. WE WERE JUST LEAVING.
LET'S GO.

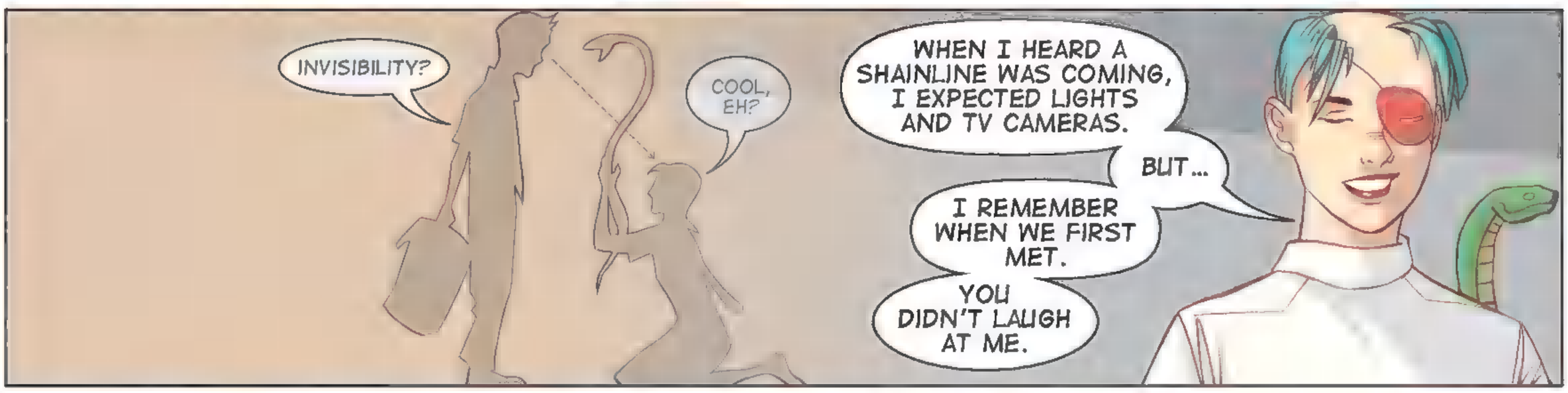

HAHA! SOMETIMES THE FAMILY NAME COMES IN HANDY.
HEYA, JOON. WHAT'S UP?
EEP.


YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THAT.
I'M USED TO IT.
THAT'S NO EXCUSE FOR THEM TO BE RUDE.
BUT THEY'RE RIGHT. I DON'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS.
MY MOTHER IN INDIA OFTEN SAID, "EVEN A SNAKE HAS FRIENDS."
I JUST ASSUMED YOU LIKED BEING ALONE.
ISN'T THAT PART OF THE MYSTERY OF THE EXOTIC WEAPONS CLUB?
LIVING LIKE A NINJA?
MOVING THROUGH THE SHADOWS?
STRIKING IN SILENCE?
YEAH, BUT THAT'S JUST SCHOOL STUFF.
WHEN I'M NOT STUDYING I'M JUST...
JUST...
JUST A NORMAL GIRL?
LIKE HELLO?
I WEAR MY CLOTHES BACKWARDS, I SHAVE MY HEAD, I DYE MY HAIR AND TALK TO SNAKES. NAH, I DON'T DO NORMAL, BUT THANKS.
HEY, IF IT'S YOUR OWN STYLE, WHY BOTHER WITH BEING NORMAL?
LIKE, CHECK ME OUT. I'M IN THIS SCHOOL FULL OF WEAPONS AND I DON'T HAVE SO MUCH AS A SHARPENED PENCIL.
BEING NORMAL IS OVERRATED.
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE A SHAINLINE.
PEOPLE HEAR YOUR NAME AND RUN. YOU GOT POWER, MONEY, FAME.
YOU CAN CHOOSE YOUR FRIENDS.
IN FACT, WHY AREN'T YOU HANGING OUT WITH THE COOL KIDS?
NAW, I DON'T HANG WITH THEM.
I KICK IT WITH GUYS LIKE DENNIS HERE.
AND HANNAH. BUT MOSTLY WITH HIS GIRL CRUSH.
SHUDDUP!
JOON, WHY DON'T YOU HANG WITH US?

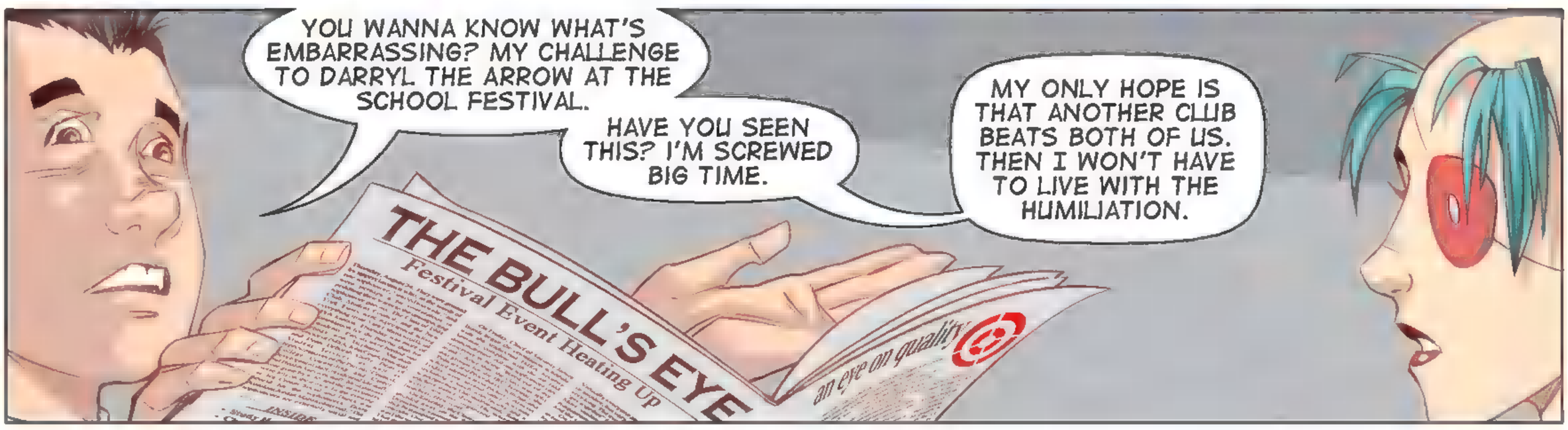
ME? HANG WITH YOU?
I'VE NEVER HAD A FRIEND BEYOND MY SNAKE, CHARLIE.


WE'RE BOTH IN THE EXOTIC CLUB, BUT I DON'T EVEN KNOW YOU.
MY FAMILY IS POOR. I'M ONLY HERE BECAUSE OUR EXOTIC TEACHER, MISS L'HARMA, SAVED MY GRANDMA IN THE OLD WAR. NOW MY WHOLE FAMILY IS IN HER DEBT.
MY FAMILY IS POOR, TOO.
I'M HERE THROUGH A FOREIGN EXCHANGE LOTTERY. MY ENTIRE TOWN HAS HIGH HOPES FOR ME, SO I CAN RELATE.

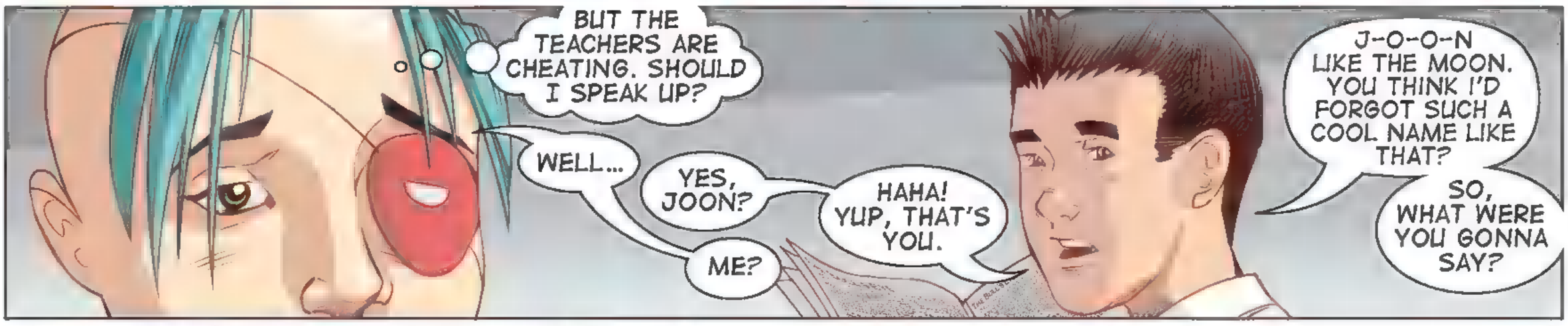

IS THAT WHY YOU TRY SO HARD TO BE DIFFERENT?
I KNOW HOW THAT IS. A LOT OF TIMES I FEEL INVISIBLE AND I DO WHATEVER I CAN TO STAND OUT.
YEAH, I FEEL THE SAME WAY.
HMMM...
Y'KNOW... YOU'RE OKAY FOR A CELEB.


INVISIBILITY?
COOL, EH?
WHEN I HEARD A SHAINLINE WAS COMING, I EXPECTED LIGHTS AND TV CAMERAS.
BUT...
I REMEMBER WHEN WE FIRST MET.
YOU DIDN'T LAUGH AT ME.

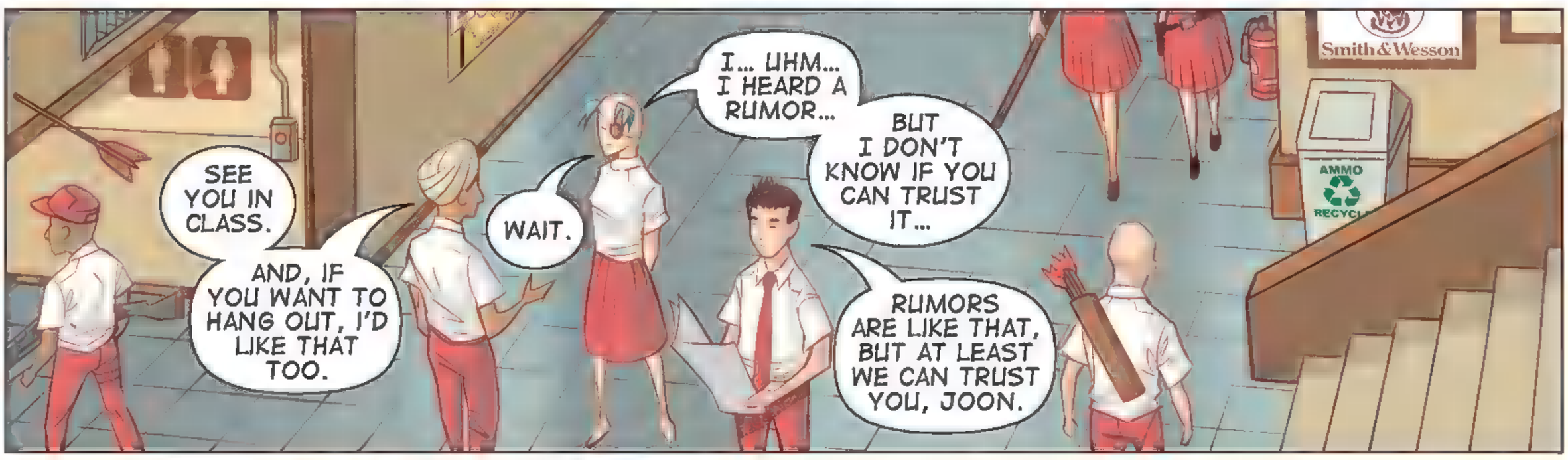
HE DIDN'T LAUGH AT ME, EITHER.
AND YOU SHOULD'VE SEEN HOW WE MET. IT WAS VERY EMBARRASSING.


YOU WANNA KNOW WHAT'S EMBARRASSING? MY CHALLENGE TO DARRYL THE ARROW AT THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL.
HAVE YOU SEEN THIS? I'M SCREWED BIG TIME.
MY ONLY HOPE IS THAT ANOTHER CLUB BEATS BOTH OF US. THEN I WON'T HAVE TO LIVE WITH THE HUMILIATION.
THE BULL'S EYE
Festival Event Heating Up
an eye on quality

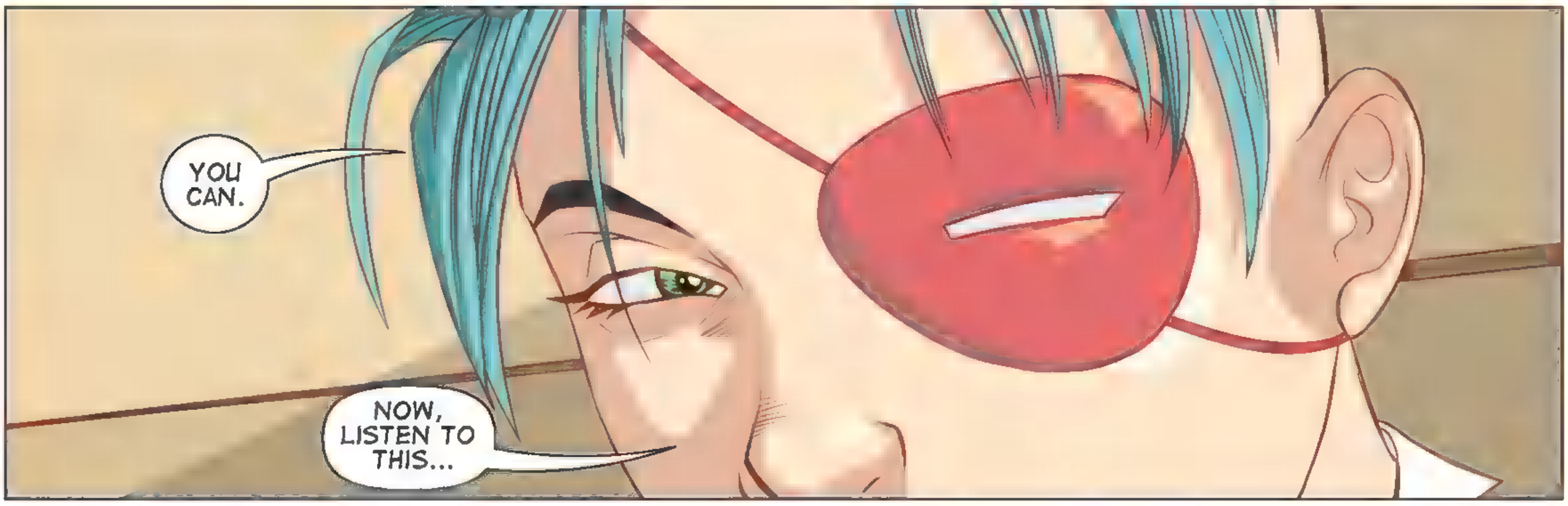
I'D HELP YA', BUT WINNING THE FESTIVAL IS HARD.
I HEARD THERE ARE FIVE EMBLEMS HANGING HIGH IN THE TREES INSIDE THE SCHOOL PARK.
YEAH. THE FIRST TO KNOCK ONE DOWN AND BRING IT BACK IS THE WINNER.
JUNK FOOD
THE BULL'S EYE
I'M TORN.
I WAS JEALOUS THAT JADE WAS FRIENDS WITH SHAINLINE, BUT NOW THEY CONSIDER ME A FRIEND.
AND DENNIS IS KINDA CUTE, TOO.

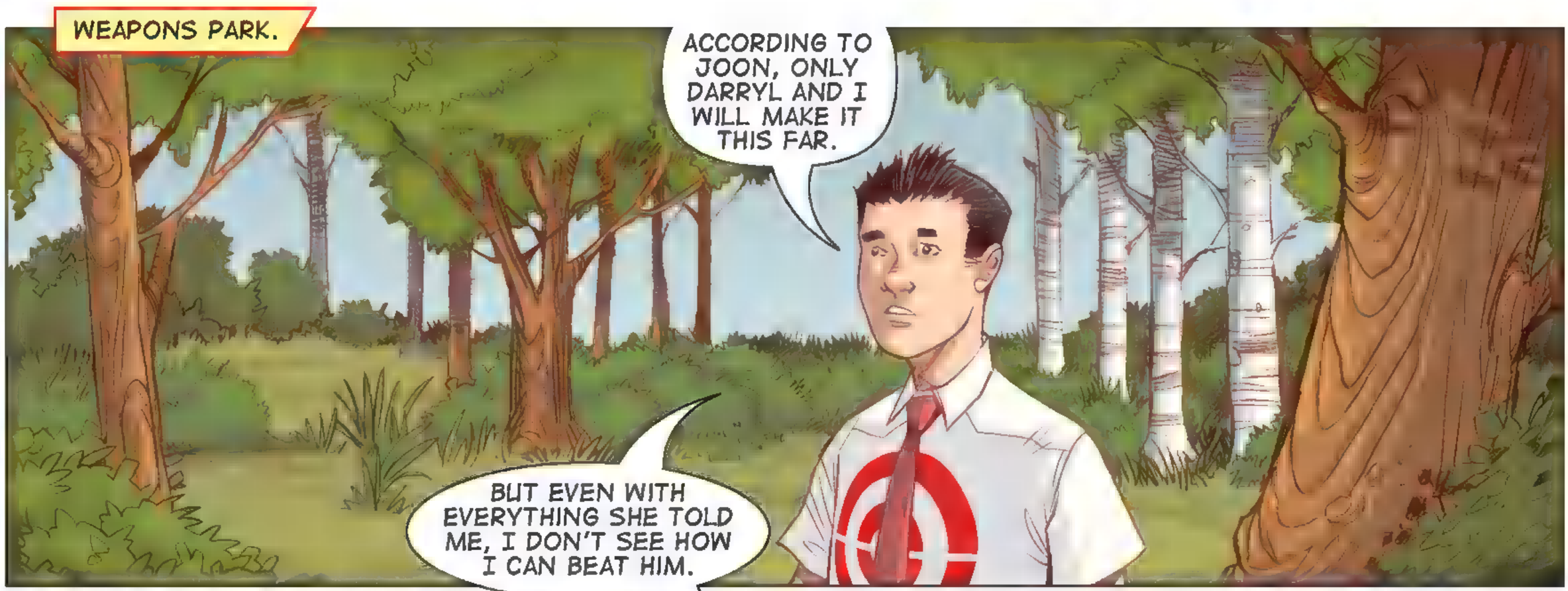

BUT THE TEACHERS ARE CHEATING. SHOULD I SPEAK UP?
WELL...
YES, JOON?
ME?
HAHA! YUP, THAT'S YOU.
J-O-O-N LIKE THE MOON. YOU THINK I'D FORGOT SUCH A COOL NAME LIKE THAT?
SO, WHAT WERE YOU GONNA SAY?

"THAT WILL DO... LONE? LUN? LOU? UHM... LOON."
"YOU MAY LEAVE."

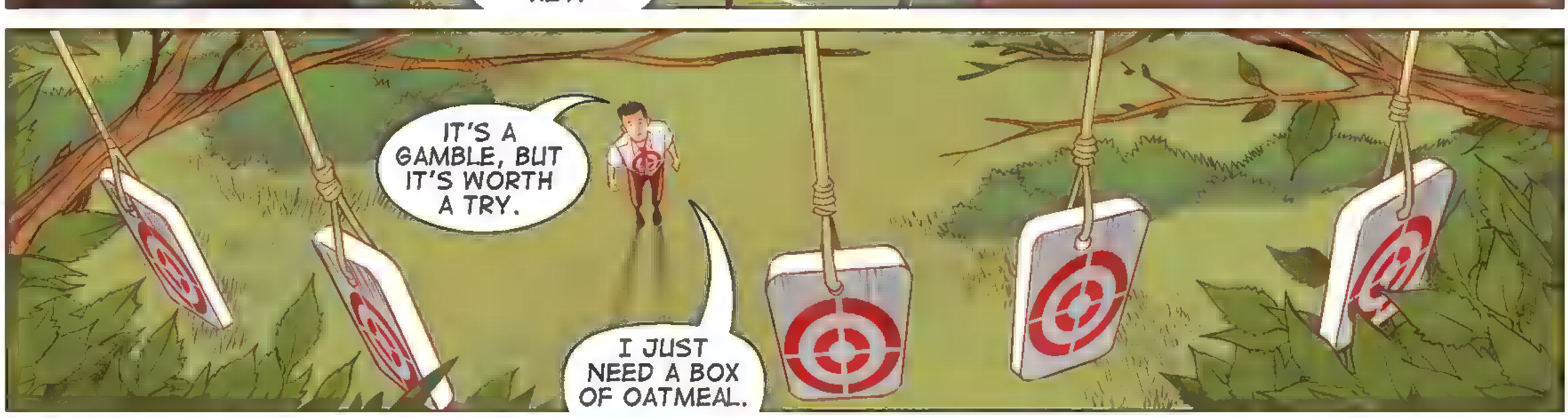

SEE YOU IN CLASS.
AND, IF YOU WANT TO HANG OUT, I'D LIKE THAT TOO.
WAIT.
I... UHM... I HEARD A RUMOR...
BUT I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN TRUST IT...
RUMORS ARE LIKE THAT, BUT AT LEAST WE CAN TRUST YOU, JOON.
Smith&Wesson
AMMO
RECYCLE

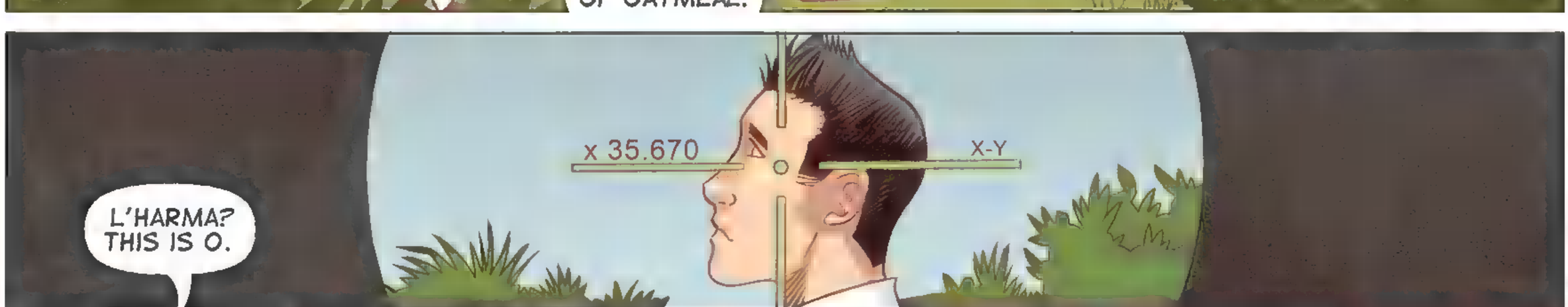
"IF WE CAN TRUST THE INFORMATION FROM MISS LOON ..."


YOU CAN.
NOW, LISTEN TO THIS...


WEAPONS PARK.
ACCORDING TO JOON, ONLY DARRYL AND I WILL MAKE IT THIS FAR.
BUT EVEN WITH EVERYTHING SHE TOLD ME, I DON'T SEE HOW I CAN BEAT HIM.

HE DOESN'T EVEN HAVE TO BE CLOSE TO HIT THE TARGET.
BUT MAYBE THAT'S THE KEY?
FESTIVAL


IT'S A GAMBLE, BUT IT'S WORTH A TRY.
I JUST NEED A BOX OF OATMEAL.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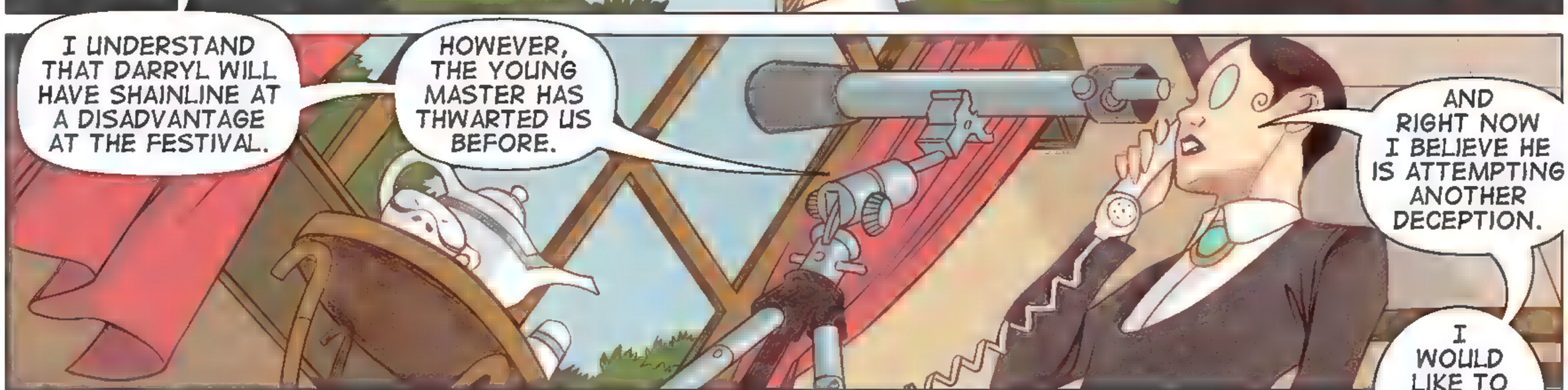
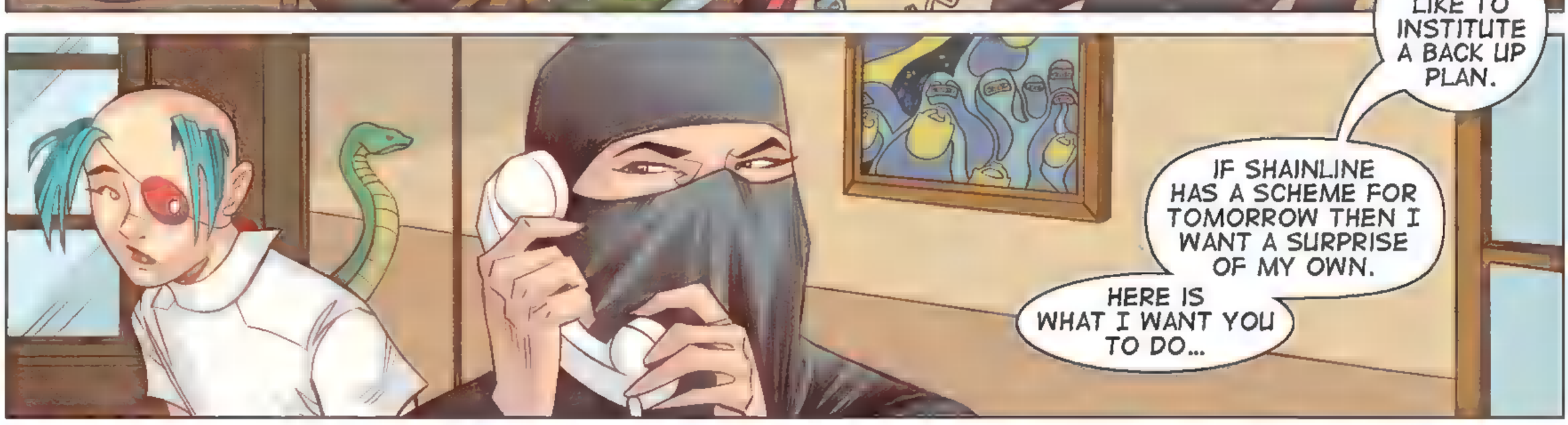
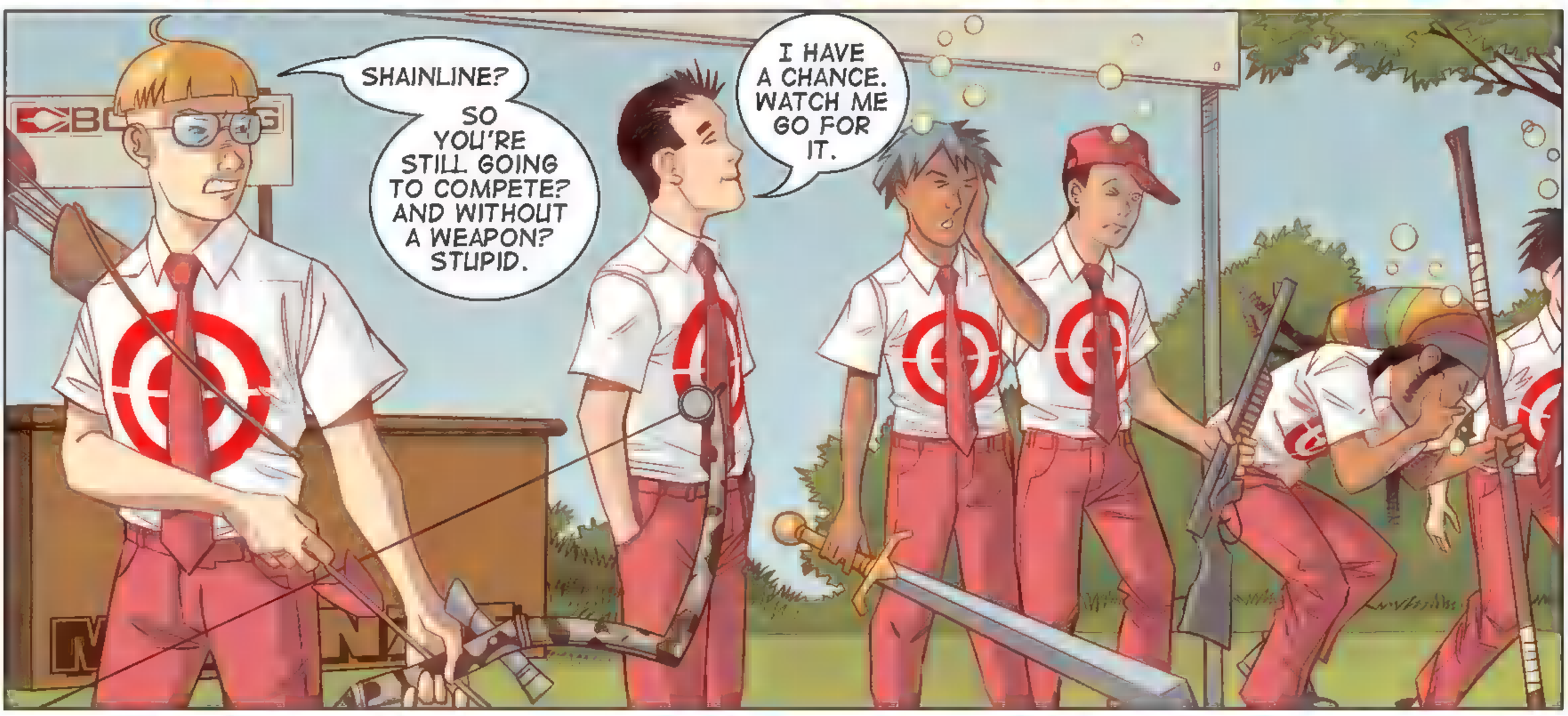
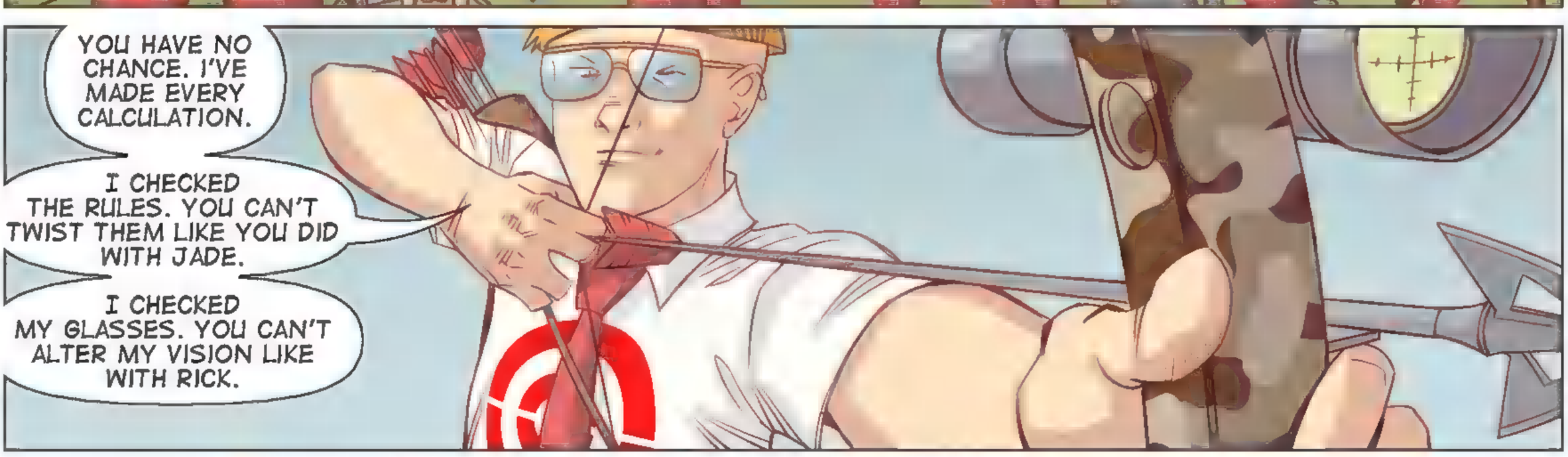
L'HARMA? THIS IS O.

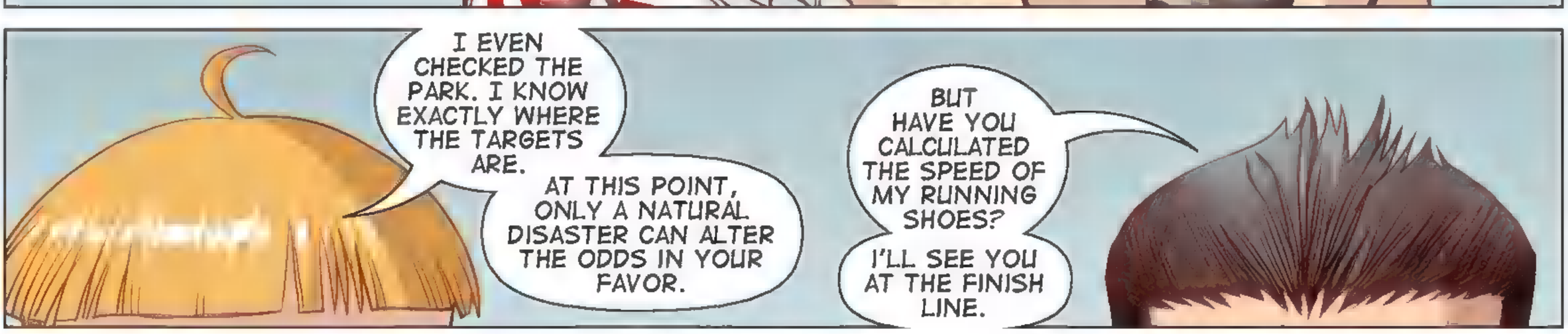

I UNDERSTAND THAT DARRYL WILL HAVE SHAINLINE AT A DISADVANTAGE AT THE FESTIVAL.
HOWEVER, THE YOUNG MASTER HAS THWARTED US BEFORE.
AND RIGHT NOW I BELIEVE HE IS ATTEMPTING ANOTHER DECEPTION.
I WOULD LIKE TO INSTITUTE A BACK UP PLAN.

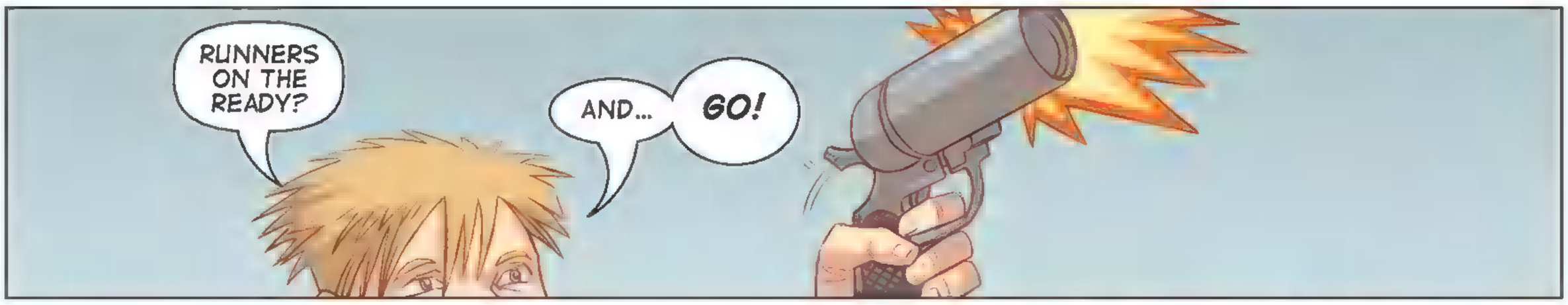

IF SHAINLINE HAS A SCHEME FOR TOMORROW THEN I WANT A SURPRISE OF MY OWN.
HERE IS WHAT I WANT YOU TO DO...

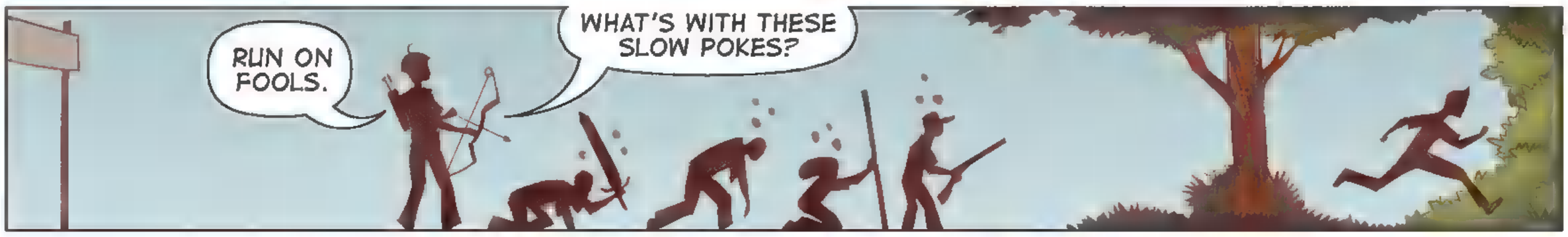
THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL.
SIG SAUER
WENGER
SNAKE
HOYT
ARCHER
SPEEDCORD
WOODWING
GATHER 'ROUND! GATHER 'ROUND!
THE RACE CHALLENGE FOR KING OF THE FESTIVAL IS ABOUT TO START.
ALL CLUB REPRESENTATIVES STEP UP TO THE LINE.
SUPPORT OLD WAR VETS 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

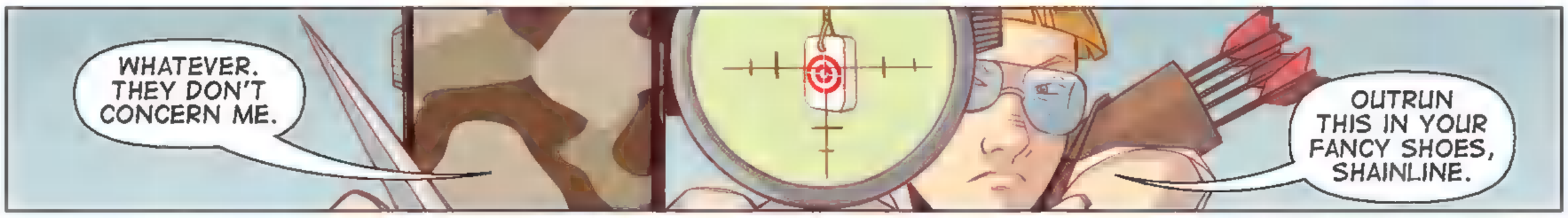

SHAINLINE?
SO YOU'RE STILL GOING TO COMPETE? AND WITHOUT A WEAPON? STUPID.
I HAVE A CHANCE. WATCH ME GO FOR IT.

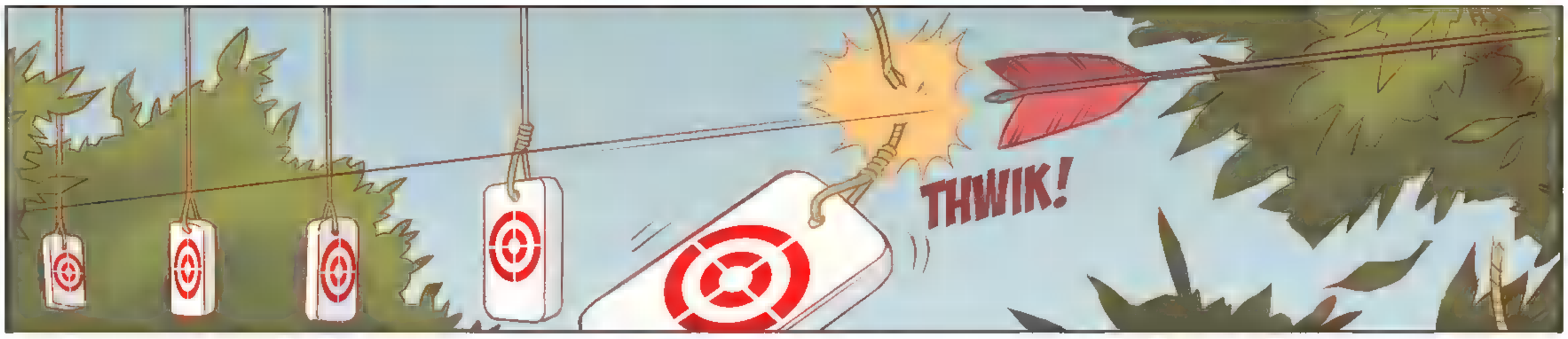

YOU HAVE NO CHANCE. I'VE MADE EVERY CALCULATION.
I CHECKED THE RULES. YOU CAN'T TWIST THEM LIKE YOU DID WITH JADE.
I CHECKED MY GLASSES. YOU CAN'T ALTER MY VISION LIKE WITH RICK.

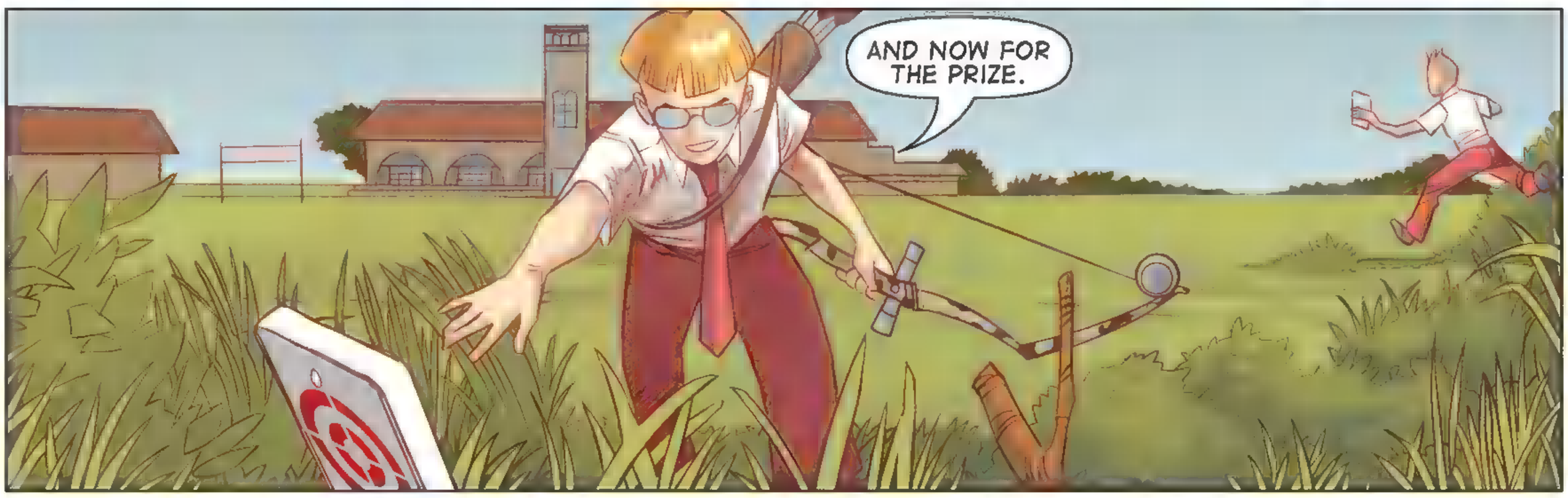

I EVEN CHECKED THE PARK. I KNOW EXACTLY WHERE THE TARGETS ARE.
AT THIS POINT, ONLY A NATURAL DISASTER CAN ALTER THE ODDS IN YOUR FAVOR.
BUT HAVE YOU CALCULATED THE SPEED OF MY RUNNING SHOES?
I'LL SEE YOU AT THE FINISH LINE.

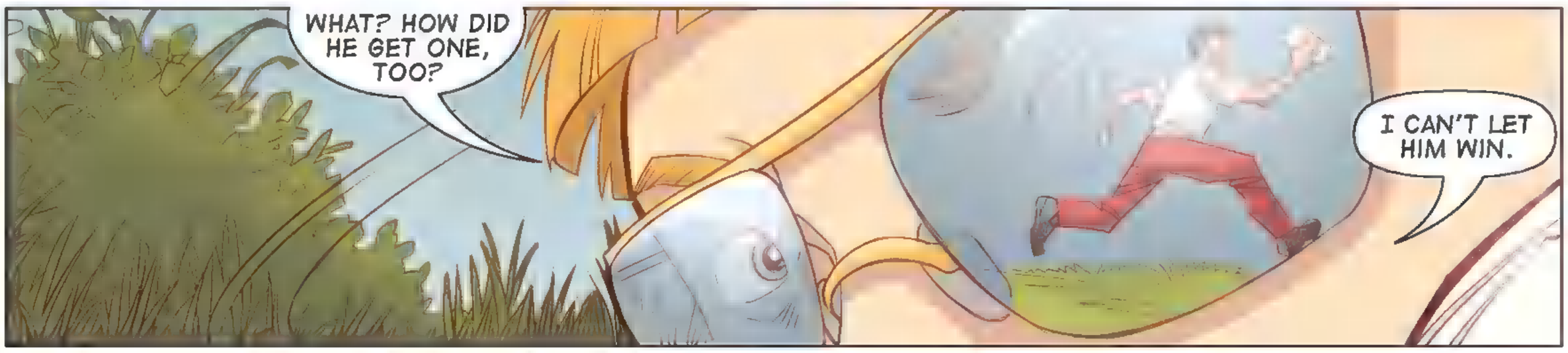

RUNNERS ON THE READY?
AND...
GO!

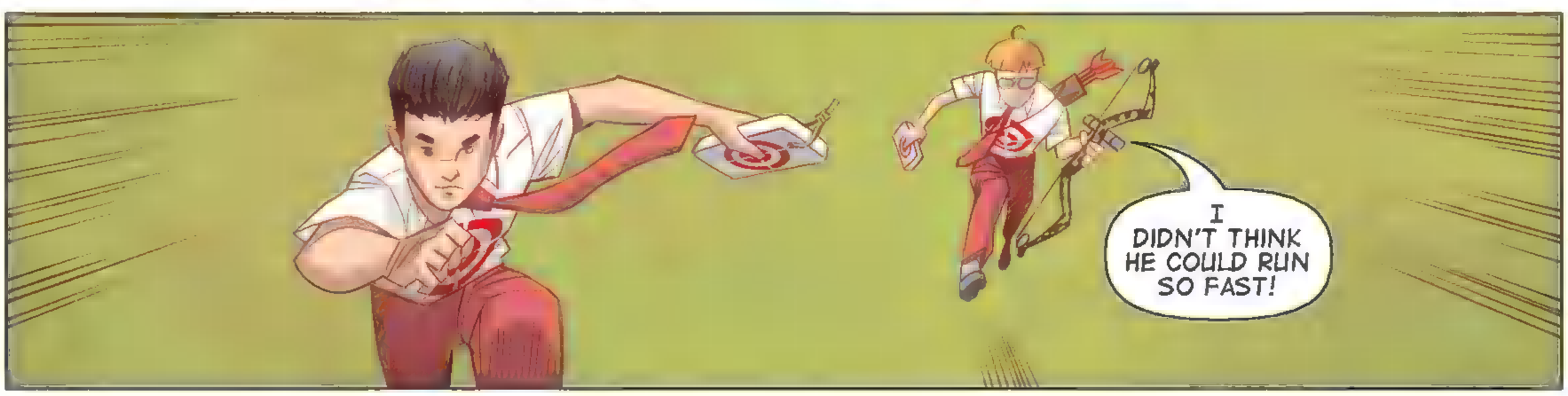

RUN ON FOOLS.
WHAT'S WITH THESE SLOW POKES?


WHATEVER. THEY DON'T CONCERN ME.
OUTRUN THIS IN YOUR FANCY SHOES, SHAINLINE.

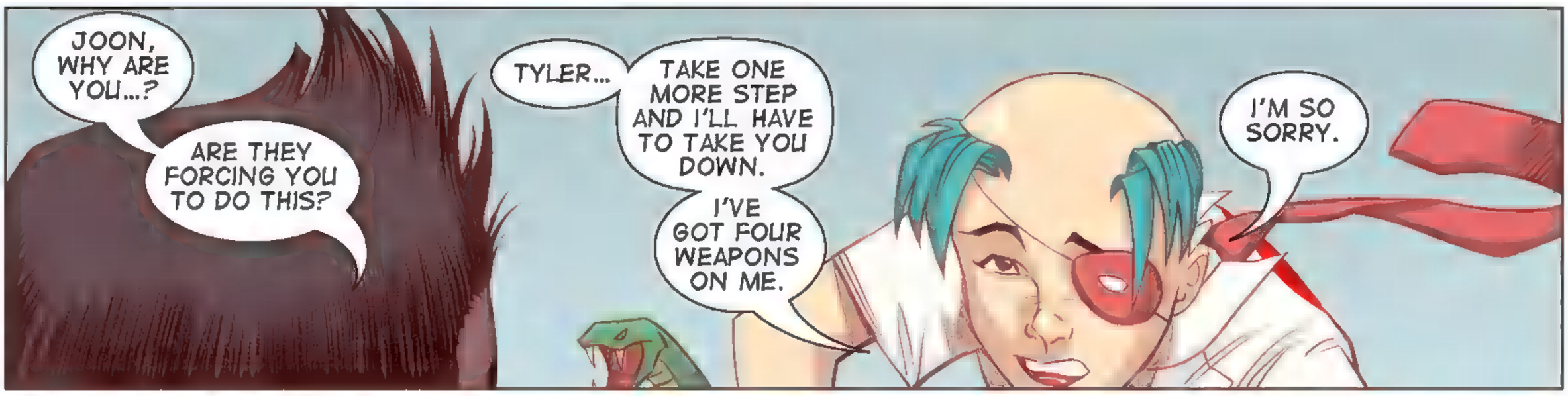

THWIK!

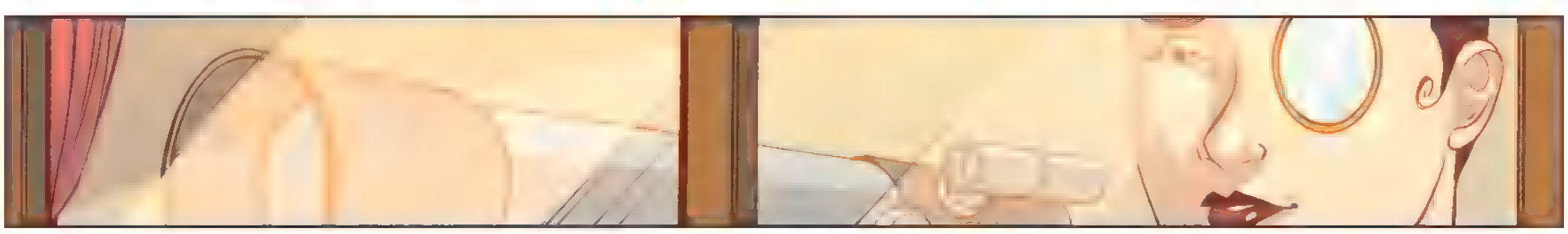

AND NOW FOR THE PRIZE.


WHAT? HOW DID HE GET ONE, TOO?
I CAN'T LET HIM WIN.

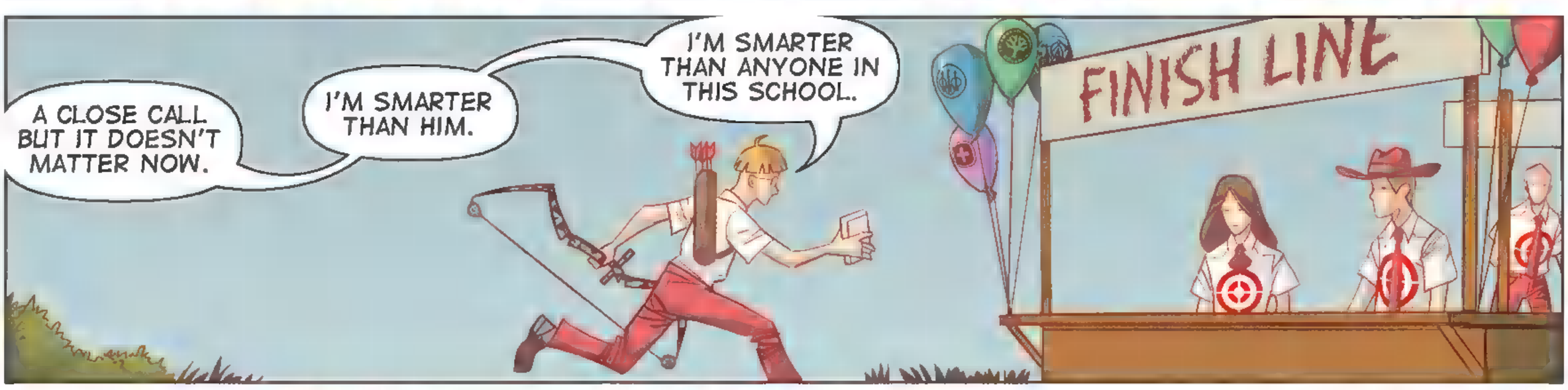

I DIDN'T THINK HE COULD RUN SO FAST!

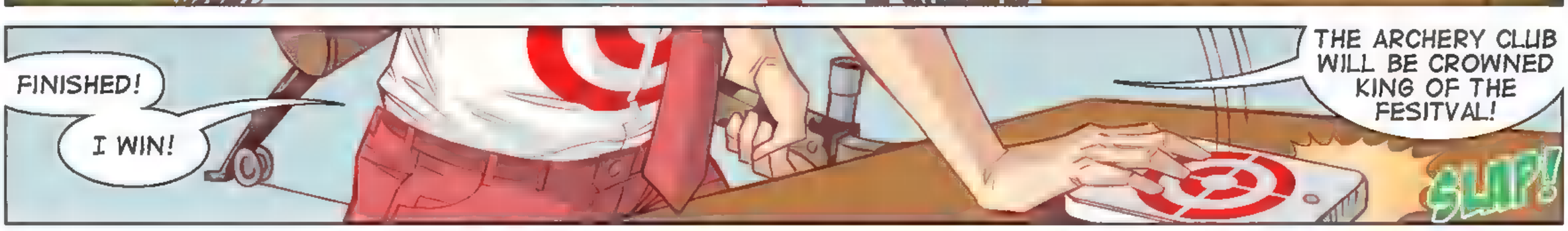
STOP RIGHT THERE, SHAINLINE!
JOON!?
HAHA! LOOKS LIKE YOU GOT TROUBLE.
SEE YOU AT THE FINISH LINE!


JOON, WHY ARE YOU...?
ARE THEY FORCING YOU TO DO THIS?
TYLER...
TAKE ONE MORE STEP AND I'LL HAVE TO TAKE YOU DOWN.
I'VE GOT FOUR WEAPONS ON ME.
I'M SO SORRY.

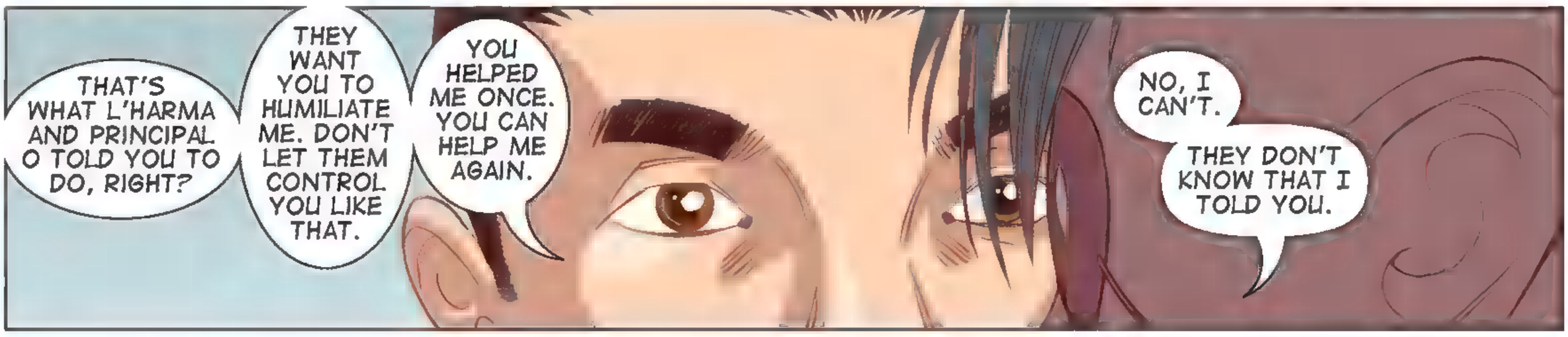


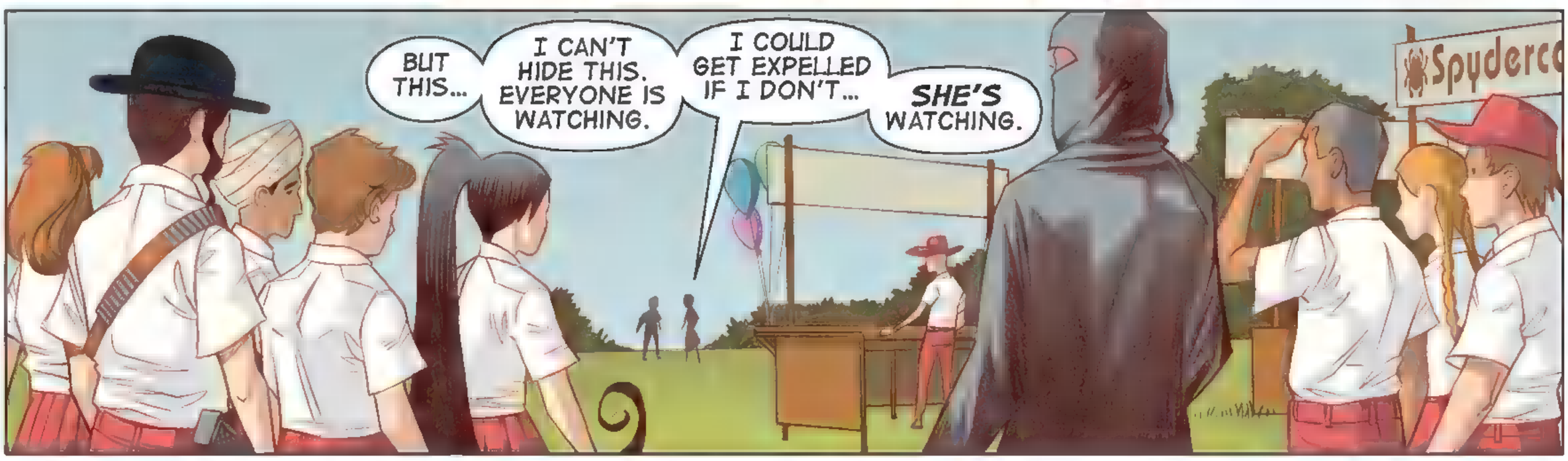
JOON... UNLEASH YOUR TRAINING.
LET THIS GLORIOUS VICTORY OF THE EXOTIC WEAPONS PUT THE FEAR IN PRINCIPAL O.
YES! THE WARRIOR SPIRIT OF THE ARCHERY CLUB WILL BEGIN TO DOMINATE THIS SCHOOL.
THAT PRINCIPAL WILL REGRET COMING HERE.


A CLOSE CALL BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER NOW.
I'M SMARTER THAN HIM.
I'M SMARTER THAN ANYONE IN THIS SCHOOL.
FINISH LINE


FINISHED!
I WIN!
THE ARCHERY CLUB WILL BE CROWNED KING OF THE FESITVAL!
SLIP!

JOON, I HAVE TO FINISH THIS RACE.
LET ME GO.
I CAN'T. YOU HAVE TO COME IN LAST.
THAT'S...


THAT'S WHAT L'HARMA AND PRINCIPAL O TOLD YOU TO DO, RIGHT?
THEY WANT YOU TO HUMILIATE ME. DON'T LET THEM CONTROL YOU LIKE THAT.
YOU HELPED ME ONCE. YOU CAN HELP ME AGAIN.
NO, I CAN'T.
THEY DON'T KNOW THAT I TOLD YOU.


BUT THIS...
I CAN'T HIDE THIS. EVERYONE IS WATCHING.
I COULD GET EXPELLED IF I DON'T...
SHE'S WATCHING.
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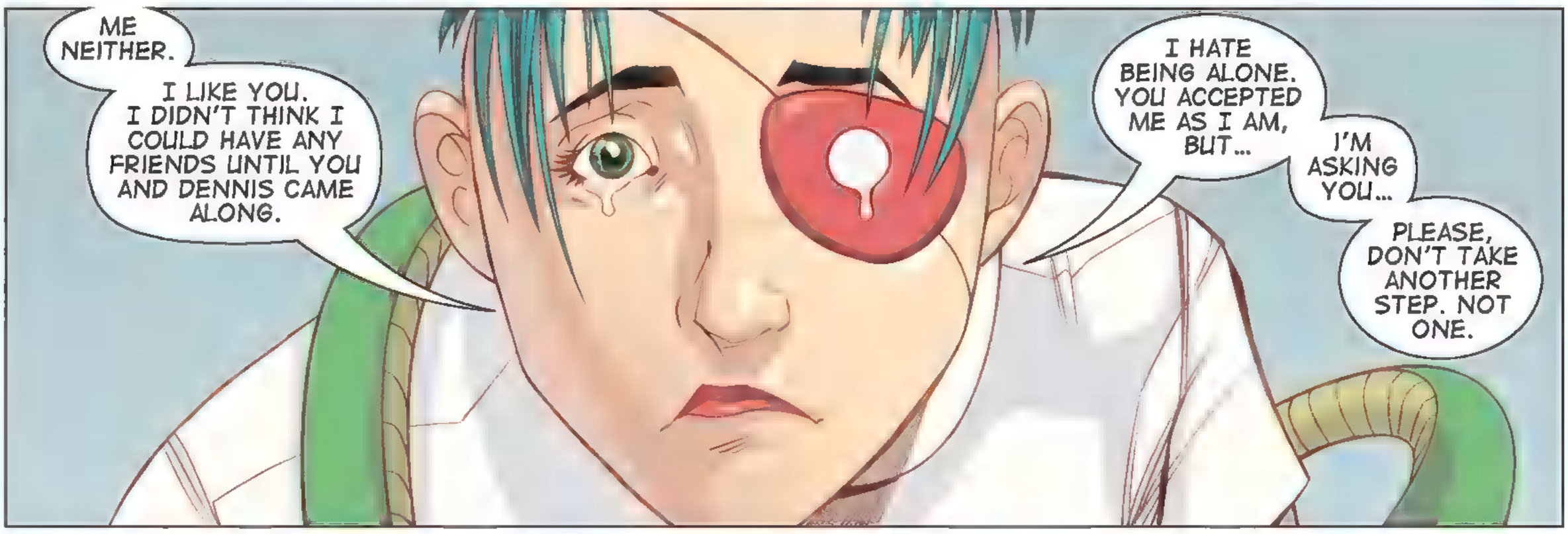
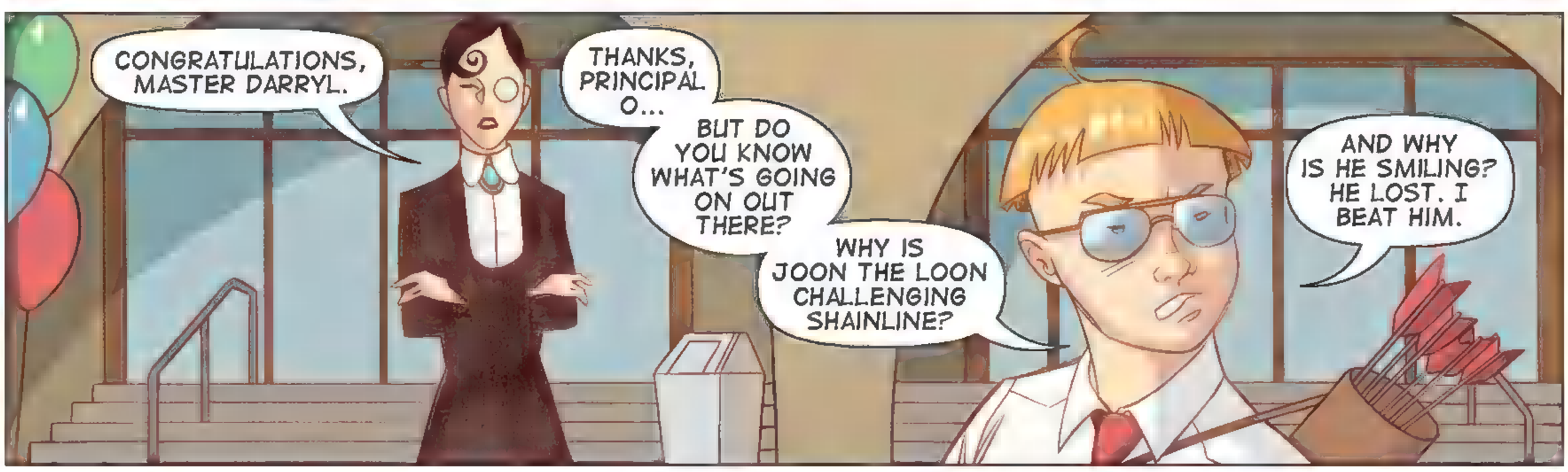
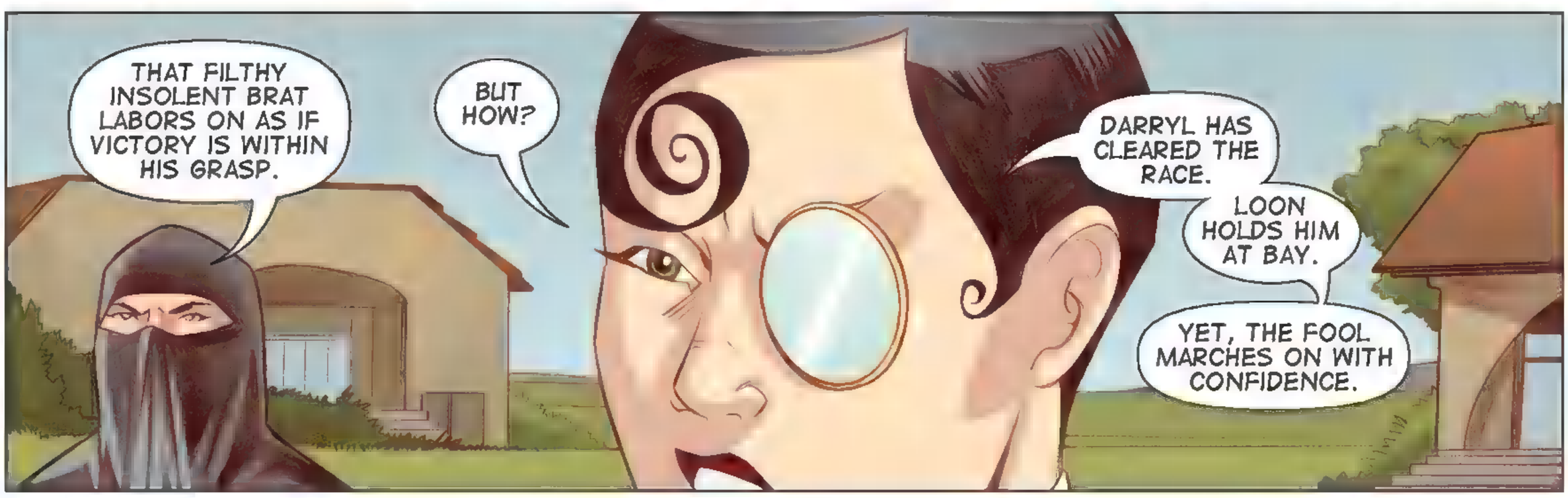
YOU'RE PROBABLY THE MOST SKILLED STUDENT IN THE WHOLE SCHOOL.
THE EXOTIC CLUB HAS SOME REALLY GREAT WEAPONS.
DON'T MAKE ME CHALLENGE YOU. I DON'T WANT TO.

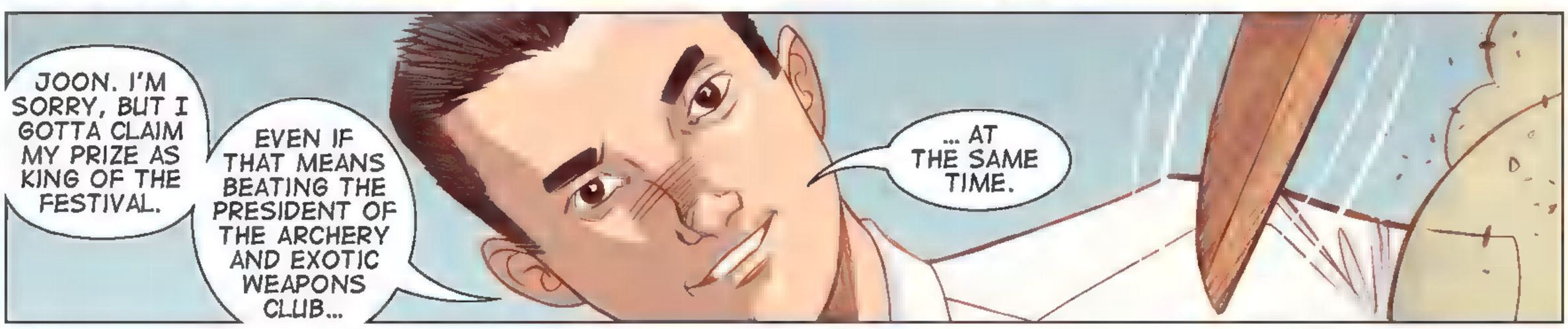

ME NEITHER.
I LIKE YOU. I DIDN'T THINK I COULD HAVE ANY FRIENDS UNTIL YOU AND DENNIS CAME ALONG.
I HATE BEING ALONE. YOU ACCEPTED ME AS I AM, BUT...
I'M ASKING YOU...
PLEASE, DON'T TAKE ANOTHER STEP. NOT ONE.

JOON, I TRUST YOU.

NO!


CONGRATULATIONS, MASTER DARRYL.
THANKS, PRINCIPAL O...
BUT DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON OUT THERE?
WHY IS JOON THE LOON CHALLENGING SHAINLINE?
AND WHY IS HE SMILING? HE LOST. I BEAT HIM.


THAT FILTHY INSOLENT BRAT LABORS ON AS IF VICTORY IS WITHIN HIS GRASP.
BUT HOW?
DARRYL HAS CLEARED THE RACE.
LOON HOLDS HIM AT BAY.
YET, THE FOOL MARCHES ON WITH CONFIDENCE.


JOON. I'M SORRY, BUT I GOTTA CLAIM MY PRIZE AS KING OF THE FESTIVAL.
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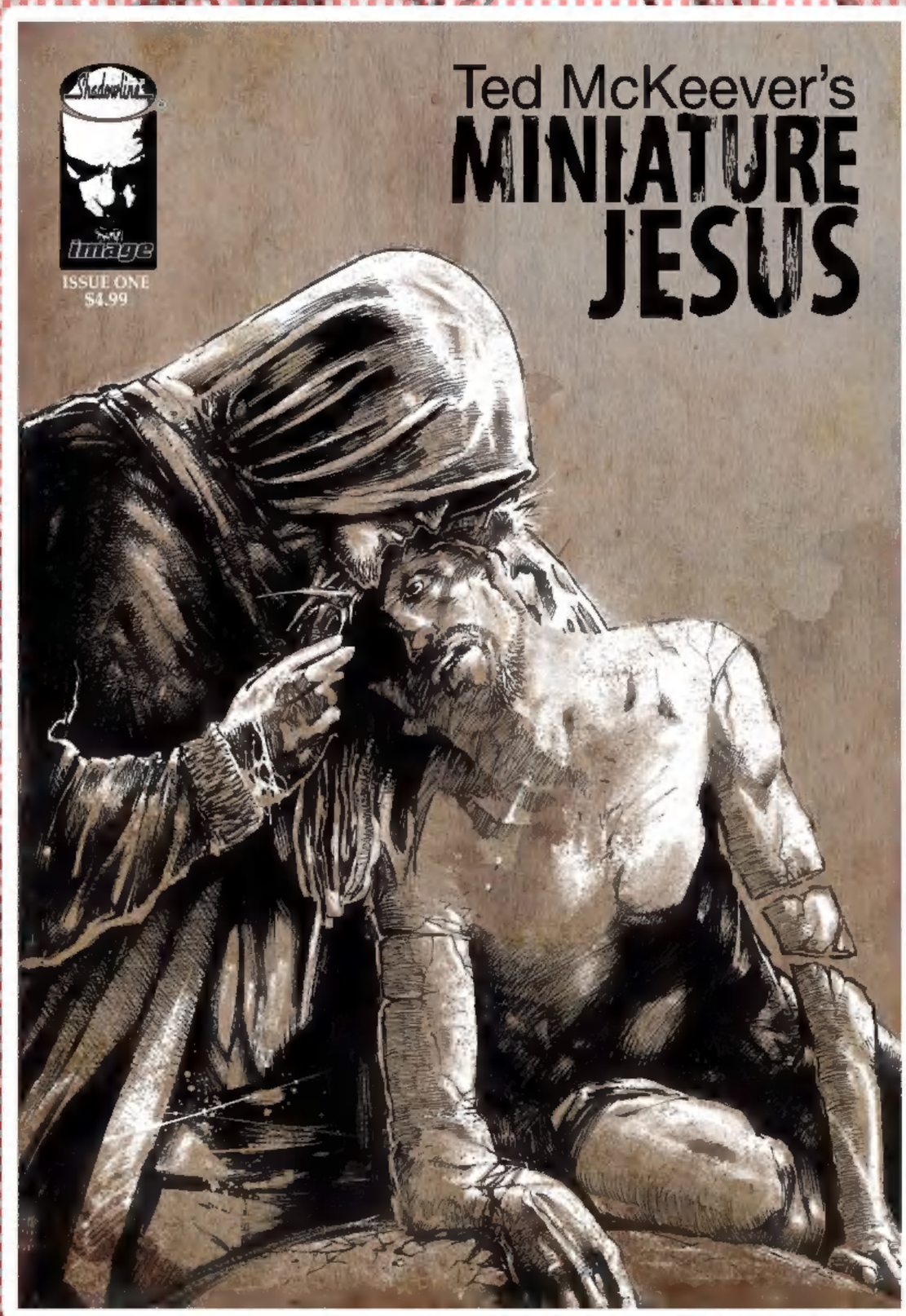

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